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Bataan newsman killed; seventh slain this year

PILAR, Bataan—A news correspondent of a tabloid was killed on his way home here by a lone gunman at dawn yesterday, police said.

Romeo Binungcal, 43, was riding on his motorcycle when he was shot four times in the head and the body, police said. He died on the spot.

Binungcal is the 56th journalist killed in the

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Amnesty for AFP rebels set

Bishops to monitor barangay 'dev't fun'

By Blanche S. Rivera

IS THE government disbursing billions of pesos to provide barangay officials with "development fun"?

Believing this is so, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines is training its critical eye on corruption at the village level with IRA Watch, a campaign to monitor the disposition of the internal revenue allotment for barangays.

In a statement released yesterday, the CBCP National Secretariat for Social Action, Justice and Peace (Nassa) said anticorruption watchdogs, in their "obsession to catch the big fish," had overlooked abuse of government funds by barangay officials.

The IRA for local government units eats up 40 percent of the national internal revenue collection from taxes. Of this, 23 percent goes to the provinces, 23 percent to cities, 34 percent to municipalities and 20 percent to barangays.

There are 41,974 barangays nationwide. Each of those with a population of not less than 100 gets at least P80,000 monthly as development fund—which translates to a total disbursement of P3.3 billion.

Nassa cited a Commission on Audit report showing that local governments, including barangays, routinely used these funds to pay for restaurant bills in hotels where officials hold meetings "in the guise of training."

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RORO YOUR BOAT

Paying no mind to the wind in her hair, the country's No. 1 drumbeater for tourism, President Macapagal-Arroyo goes on a roll off, roll on (roro) ride from Dumaguete to Samboan, Cebu, on Wednesday. Through binoculars, she views the entrancing pebble beach resorts in Santander, Cebu.

VAL HANUNDION

DOH opens door-to-door family planning drive

By Blanche S. Rivera

HELP is on the way for women who give birth every year against their better judgment and have more children than they want.

The Department of Health is taking its family planning campaign door to door—literally, with community health workers and volunteers turning up at the steps.

Early next year, the DOH will tap 500,000 of these workers to locate the target group of women, "married or cohabiting."

Of the P300 million that this drive will require, the department is shouldering P120 million. The rest, according to health officials, will come from local governments and private sector partners, including international

funding agencies.

Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit said in a statement: "We will go barangay to barangay, then house to house, to identify who among the neighborhood women have an unmet need for family planning, then gather them for a community-based discussion where they will be informed on the different methods

on birth spacing, natural and artificial."

The campaign will be conducted from February to March 2005.

Dayrit's announcement of the intensified efforts comes in the wake of criticisms that the government was abdicating its role in population management, specifically in distributing contraceptives.

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FIVE days after six leaders of the Magdalo group publicly apologized to President Macapagal-Arroyo, Malacañang is preparing to study the possible grant of amnesty to the mutineers.

Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz yesterday told reporters that Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita had called a meeting of defense and military officials today in Malacañang, "to discuss and study the mechanisms for the amnesty because this may need the concurrence of Congress."

Cruz said the position of the government was to study the matter but that he wanted to first examine the terms of the amnesty. "And this will have to pass through Congress first," he said.

He also said that on President Macapagal-Arroyo's instructions, he had directed the Armed Forces to "expedite" the court-martial proceedings, "in order that on the basis of the evidence, circumstances and participation of the various enlisted personnel, they can be given leniency in the sense that they will be reinstated in accordance with the rules."

Agence France Presse quoted Cruz as saying that he would also meet with Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez today to study the possible pardon of the Magdalo leaders.

On March 16, lawyers of the soldiers who mounted the mutiny at the Oakwood Premier serviced

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Diesel price expected to soar until December

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

THE PRICE of diesel, which is used by public buses and jeepneys, is expected to soar in the coming months due to tight supply and rising demand worldwide, the Department of Energy said yesterday.

"All the way to December, we're looking at a high price (for diesel). It will not go down," Energy Undersecretary Cyril Delecallar said at a briefing in Malacañang.

He reported that diesel prices had shot up to \$57.33 per barrel on the Singapore market on Sept. 28 after starting the month at \$49.96 per barrel.

In a phone interview, Energy Secretary Vince Perez said that while higher diesel prices were inevitable, "this should be no excuse for oil companies to jack up their prices un-

reasonably."

"We want to make sure that oil companies temper their price increases by making them in small increments," Perez said.

A \$1 increase in the cost of a barrel of diesel translates to a 40-centavo per liter hike in its local pump price, according to Delecallar.

Thus, if the price of diesel holds at \$57 per barrel for the rest of the year, local diesel prices could go up by at least P1.20 per liter to P22.72 from the current P21.52 per liter (based on the average price \$54 per barrel).

Delecallar, however, said that these were merely rules of thumb and would be useless if oil companies were marking up their products excessively.

Oil companies have so far "reflected reasonable pump pricing," he said.

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WERE that it were as easy as driving up to the Pandacan oil depot to pump up the economy as local oil prices continue to reflect crude oil increases in global market.



WINSTON GARCIA: Deeply touched by the President's continuing support.

Palace: GSIS chief won't go on leave even with graft raps

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.
and Christine O. Avendaño

WINSTON Garcia, under siege for alleged mismanagement of state pension funds, is not required to take a leave from his post despite graft charges filed against him with the Office of the Ombudsman, Malacañang said yesterday.

According to Press Secretary Ignacio Buncye, the only advice of President Macapagal-Arroyo to the beleaguered president and general manager of the Government Service and Insurance System is "to explain to the public his side on the controversies hounding him and not to expect any assistance from other agencies."

Malacañang, however, "respects" the opinion of some sectors for Garcia to take a vacation to ease the pressure off the GSIS, Buncye

Tabara allies vow to destroy Red 'fanatics'

By Fe Zamora,
Delfin T. Mallari Jr.,
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau
and Christian V. Esguerra

COMRADES of slain leftist leader Arturo Tabara yesterday vowed to destroy the "fanatics" in the communist ranks whom they blamed for the killing of Tabara and Stephen Ong on Sunday.

"We are being pushed against the

wall. We will have to defend ourselves," said Nilo de la Cruz, who replaces Tabara as chair of the communist breakaway group Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa-Pilipinas (RPM-P).

The destruction of the fanatics will be "done in a manner that is calculated, decisive and indubitably understood," the RPM-P said in a statement delivered at the Funeraria Paz on Araneta Avenue in Quezon City where

Tabara's body lay in wake.

The RPM-P also blamed the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and its armed wing, the New People's Army (NPA), for the killing of Tabara and Daniel Batoy, a senior RPM-P leader who was gunned down in Aklan last month.

"We make it unequivocally clear: we lay the bloody and violent conflict that has now swept the left squarely at the

door of the CPP-NPA," the statement said.

"The killing of Tabara and Batoy is a signal. It bares the madness and will to power that have consumed the CPP-NPA leadership. It unmasks the CPP-NPA as executioners of their comrades, oppressors of the people, and traitors of the revolution," it said.

De la Cruz, however, said that the

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FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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ERAP PLUNDER CASE

Chavit credibility goes on trial

A DEFENSE attempt to assail the credibility of the star witness in the plunder case against ousted President Estrada was somewhat blunted yesterday after state prosecutors succeeded in making a defense expert witness admit that incurring "unliquidated cash advances" does not necessarily constitute "misappropriation of funds" under government audit rules.

Estrada's defense lawyers last week had presented a Commission on Audit report showing that Luis "Chavit" Singson had "unsettled cash advances" of P2.9 million as of Dec. 31, 1995.

Singson, the former governor of Ilocos Sur and longtime close

friend and associate of Estrada, is the government's main witness against Estrada who is accused of taking illegal gambling bribes and stealing government funds.

But in a cross-examination lasting less than 10 minutes, Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio got

provincial auditor Agaton Dacayanan, who headed the COA team that did the audit report, to agree that incurring unliquidated cash advances was not irregular in itself.

Villa-Ignacio also brought out the fact that Dacayanan himself had unliquidated cash advances of P30,000 at one time and got the witness to affirm that this was not irregular.

Dacayanan also said that the annual report that he had submitted and which defense lawyers had presented as evidence were mere photocopies of the original COA report.

During a break in a hearing last week, Estrada's lead counsel Rene Saguisag said in an interview that Singson had amassed P800 million in unliquidated cash advances from 1995 to 1999.

He alleged that the reason why Singson had decided to turn against Estrada was so he could escape the pressure from COA auditor Agustin Chan concerning his unliquidated cash advances. Chan was killed in an ambush in 2001.

Singson denied the P800 million figure cited by Saguisag. He admitted to having unsettled cash advances but he said he had settled the matter and was cleared by COA.

Interviewed after the hearing yesterday, Villa-Ignacio said that if the cash advances had been irregular or had remained unresolved, the COA would have recommended the filing of graft charges against Singson and the other officials involved.

"But there was nothing in the report saying that they should be prosecuted or charged with graft. They [COA officials] should have initiated such a move but they did

not, so there's no case," he said.

Defense lawyers yesterday also directed the court's attention to the portion of the COA report showing that Singson had allegedly used Ilocos Sur's share of the tobacco excise taxes to pay for his "nocturnal activities" while he was governor.

Reading from the COA report, defense lawyer Raymond Fortun said there were vouchers showing that on two occasions, the provincial government had spent P175,000 and P89,000 for "karaoke." Armand N. Nocum

Drug stores reeling under seniors' discount

By Volt Contreras

CITING shrinking bottomlines, majority of drugstores nationwide have aired their reluctance to grant elderly customers a 20-percent discount under the newly passed Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2003, Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman disclosed yesterday.

She said the Drugstore Owners Association of the Philippines had met with her twice regarding its fears that many small- and medium-sized outlets would close shop if forced to grant as much relief to the country's 5.2 million senior citizens.

The group's worry, she said, stemmed from the removal of the "income cap" for senior citizens who could enjoy the price cut. Under the law's earlier version passed in 1996, only citizens aged 60 years and above and with annual earnings of less than P60,000 are entitled to such benefits.

Under the new law, citizens in their 60s regardless of income—"both rich and poor"—can now get a discount, Soliman noted.

"I understand where they (drugstore owners) are coming from," she told reporters in a press conference in Quezon City. She said the business group, whose members include the giant Mercury Drug chain, is also seeking a dialog with the health, finance, and trade departments.

She welcomed such meetings, saying "we need to find a way for the realistic implementation of the law."

Soliman estimated that, based on complaints reaching her agency, up to "75 to 80 percent" of all small- and medium-sized drug stores nationwide might not comply with the law, which President Arroyo signed on Feb. 26.

Also known as Republic Act 9257, the measure is set for implementation starting Oct. 5 following the publication of its IRR (implementing rules and regulation) last week.

In her initial meetings with the drugstore owners, she recalled, they made counterproposals limiting the scope of 20-percent discount only to generic drugs or granting "tax deductions" to outlets that would extend such perks to the old.

THE DAUGHTER of a Marine sergeant abducted three years ago by the New People's Army in Sultan Kudarat refuses to believe that her father has joined the communist rebels as claimed by the military.

Rosemarie Rosete, 18, told the INQUIRER that her father, Sgt. Jeremias Rosete, of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) is loyal to the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

"I know my father and I have seen how devoted and dedicated he was to his work. I don't believe he has joined the NPA. I don't think he can be brainwashed. If he did something like this, it was against his will," she said in a phone interview.

Rosemarie was "angry and irritated with the AFP" for dismissing her father from their ranks and accusing him of joining the communist rebels.

"He (Sgt. Rosete) has been in captivity for three years now. Where the (NPA) goes, he goes. You can't avoid such speculations," she said in Filipino.

Rosemarie added that she and her family had not been informed about the recommendation for dismissal of Sgt. Rosete.



ROSETE: 'He cannot be brainwashed.'

In a resolution dated Sept. 9, 2004, the Isafp recommended the discharge of Sgt. Rosete based on "proof and evidence" that he had already joined the NPA.

The military said Rosete was seen on Aug. 20 with a certain "Commander Al" and "Commander Bobo" in an NPA camp in Sitio Gasmilo, Barangay Datubao, Sultan Kudarat. Rosete was allegedly being used as a trainer for rebel recruits and that he had adopted the alias "Bo-knoy" in the underground movement.

The recommendation for Rosete's discharge had yet to be approved by AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya.

Rosemarie said the military was "washing its hands" of what happened to her father.

She revealed that her family was set to appear before media to make another appeal to the NPA for the release of Sgt. Rosete.

Rosete was abducted by the NPA's Valentín Palamíne Command in Sept. 2001 in Columbo, Sultan Kudarat.

His pay and allowances had been withheld since his capture. His daughter's scholarship had also been terminated.

Military information chief Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero said that if Rosete's recommendation for dismissal were approved, only his basic and long pay until August 2004 would be given.

Abad: No apologies for textbook errors

By Dora Pazzibugan

RATHER than apologize, Education Secretary Florencio Abad told a private school executive who claimed to have found many errors in a DepEd-approved history textbook to prove that he deserves an apology from education officials.

The DepEd on Monday agreed to review and correct the 431 errors that Antonio Calipio Go reportedly found in a 316-page high school history textbook, "Asya: Noon, Ngayon at sa Hinaharap" published by SD Publications.

Go, an academic supervisor of the Marian School who disclosed his findings in a newspaper ad last week, has refused to sit down with the DepEd to make the corrections unless its officials apologize first for accusing him of being only after money.

Abad, however, believes he has nothing to apologize for as he did not say anything that maligned Go.

Nor were education officials guilty of imputing malicious intent on Go's part as "it was premature to make a conclusion at the time," the education secretary said.

Abad said Undersecretary Fe Hidalgo, who is in charge of curriculum, has contacted the textbook's authors as well as "independent experts" so they could go over the errors.

"It would be best that we sit down and go

through the process of looking over this. Let's not set conditions in the interest of truth," Abad said, adding that it would be unfortunate if Go does not consent to help.

"I don't think this issue (of an apology first) is an insurmountable obstacle to keep us from going over the truth and him proving his point," he said.

Abad, who had earlier defended the textbook's integrity, acknowledged on Monday that the "Asya" textbook had at least one "major mistake" and invited Go to help DepEd officials conduct a review of the textbook.

But Go resented Abad's and Undersecretary Juan Miguel Luis' reported claim that he wanted to be paid by the book's publisher for his 82-page list of errors and demanded an apology before he hands over his list of corrections.

Abad said the controversy has generated much interest from educators who want to give their own inputs and views of the textbook.

But even if found to be erroneous, the textbook will still be used in the current school year 2004 to 2005 and the next, 2005 to 2006.

Abad said recalling all the 1.14 million copies would be impractical as the DepEd would be replacing all history textbooks in all grade and year levels in October 2005 anyway.

The department will instead issue "teaching notes" advising the teachers about the errors and the corrections in the book.

Group wants Bong ousted from Senate for TV stints

By Christine O. Avendaño

APPARENTLY not everyone is a fan of the TV show "Idol ko si Kap."

A party-list group yesterday asked the Senate to expel Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. for continuing to appear in his weekly television show "Idol ko si Kap."

In a complaint filed before the office of Senate President Franklin Drilon, the group calling itself the "Abakada Guro" argued that Revilla "cannot be part-senator and part-comedian" at the same time.

This is a violation of ethical standards for people in public office, the group said in a four-page letter filed yesterday. "Being a senator of the Philippines is a full-time job."

In a news conference, Revilla said he did

not violate any law.

"There is no such rule which prohibits me from practicing my profession," the neophyte senator told reporters, adding that rules governing the conduct of the legislature was "promulgated exclusively and independently by Congress for its members."

The Constitution, he said, was clear when it set prohibitions on members of the Senate and House. These are: lawmakers are barred from holding any position in government, appear in court as counsel before any court of justice or before the electoral tribunals, quasi-judicial and other administrative bodies, as well as have any business interest in any congressional franchise.

"I did not violate any of these," Revilla told reporters, adding that he earned money legally and did not steal money from the government.

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Ombudsman wants to seize DPWH exec's unexplained wealth

By Armand N. Nocum

OMBUDSMAN Simeon Marcelo has filed before the Sandiganbayan a forfeiture case against former public works regional director Romeo Panganiban in a bid to recover a sizable portion of the P81.7 million he allegedly accumulated while in office.

He was charged with wife Pe, daughter Geraldine and sisters Elsa P de Luna and Purita Sarmiento who

reportedly functioned as "conduits" in hiding Panganiban's assets.

"This is the first among many forfeiture cases to be filed against officials who failed the lifestyle check program of the government," said Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio.

Last year, the Ombudsman filed graft charges against Panganiban and his relatives for allegedly accumulating an estimated P81.7 million in ill-gotten wealth during

his 37 years in service.

Panganiban was also the first official to be charged in the Sandiganbayan for failing the lifestyle check put in place by the government last year. The public works regional director was suspended for six months in 2003 for this.

Panganiban, whose annual salary was only P207,115, had declared a net worth of P13.2 million in 2001, but graft investigators later found that his acquired

real and personal properties were worth P81.7 million, many of which had been placed in the name of his immediate relatives.

Among his undeclared properties were a three-bedroom house in Los Angeles, California, worth P15 million; a residential house in Los Baños, Laguna, worth P2 million; a residential house in Ayala, Alabang, worth P24.8 million; and a residential lot in Laguna worth P146,000.

The properties he had alleged-

ly omitted from his 2001 statement of assets and liabilities amounted to P73.2 million.

The Ombudsman noted that the public works official's SAL had grown to P14.1 million in 2001 from P455,000 in 1986. His accumulated salary in 15 years of service stood at P2.5 million.

The Inquirer tried but failed to reach Panganiban on his mobile phone.

Since he failed the govern-

ment's lifestyle check program early last year, he has refused to give interviews to the press. He retired shortly thereafter.

Three years ago, Panganiban was reported to have been kidnapped and allegedly paid between P30 million and P50 million in ransom money to his captors. He was also criticized in the press for allegedly spending more than P30 million to refurbish the ancestral house of the Estradas in Laguna.

Ramos blames 'ports war' for Smokey Mountain row

THE CURRENT controversy over the Smokey Mountain could be just a "smokescreen" for the brewing war among commercial interests in the port of Manila, former President Fidel Ramos hinted yesterday.

Ramos said he found it odd Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago's privileged speech assailing the Smokey Mountain Development and Reclamation Project (SM-DRP) was followed by media reports attacking the Harbor Center Port Terminal Inc. (HCPTI), which sits on the 790-hectare reclaimed site of Smokey Mountain.

Businessman Reghis Romero II, who chairs HCPTI, also owns R-II Builders Inc., the private developer of Smokey Mountain.

In his appearance before the Senate last week and the press conference before he left for China recently, Ramos insinuated that the Smokey Mountain controversy was precipitated by rivalry among port operators in Manila. The former president said he could not see why Santiago would resurrect an old issue like the Smokey Mountain after two congressional inquiries had cleared the project and declared it as valid and legal.

Legal, aboveboard

The Senate committee on urban planning, housing and resettlement and the committee on social justice, welfare and development investigated the Smokey Mountain project in 1996 and found nothing wrong with it. Four years later, the House committee on good government also looked into the project and concluded that it was legal and aboveboard, Ramos said in a press statement yesterday.

"All relevant questions and issues about the project have already been raised, scrutinized and fully addressed," Ramos said.

Ramos suggested that the proper authorities conduct a "deeper investigation" into this brewing "port war" among port operators in Manila to determine for certain whether this is the real issue behind the Smokey Mountain project.



ATI in 2003 and a third of the non-containerized cargo volume previously controlled by ICTSI by providing better access, faster turnaround time, modern and efficient facilities and more competitive rates to its clients, it added.

Pending application

HCPTI has a pending application before the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) since 2002 for an unrestricted port license, which will allow it to enter the P10 billion containerized cargo market presently dominated by ICTSI and ATI.

At last week's hearing of the Senate blue ribbon committee and the Senate committee on government corporations and public enterprises on the Smokey Mountain project, Ramos suggested that these clashing business interests team up, instead of feuding, to form a consortium and undertake the modernization of North Harbor and the coastal areas of cities and towns like Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela.

"My humble suggestion is to have all such business rivals and interested parties team together in a consortium and jointly undertake, by way of reclamation, the upgrading and modernization, as the government may authorize in joint venture agreement, of the North Harbor and the coastal areas of such cities as Caloocan, Navotas and Valenzuela, where residents need new living areas and safety structures due to perennial flooding of their foreshores," Ramos said.

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Corrections



IN THE BUSINESS section of the Sept. 27 issue, a caption on Page B8 mistakenly identified the man on the left side of the photo as Shoichiro Toyoda, honorary chair of Toyota Motor Corp. of Japan. He is ADB president Tadao Chino.

IN THE BUSINESS section of the Sept. 19 issue, a Sunday Biz story on Page B1—"Tupperware parties turned him into a finance whiz"—misquoted Jaime Bautista as saying that he studied at the Lyceum of the Philippines. Bautista graduated magna cum laude from the Colegio de San Juan de Letran in 1977 with a BS Commerce degree, major in Accounting.

IN THE SEPT. 28 ISSUE, a sidebar on Page A6—"Slain breakaway rebels"—misstated the first name of a member of Akbayan and "Iahanay" of Pandayan para sa Socyalistang Pilipinas who was killed on May 27, 2003 in Jabonga, Agusan del Norte. The correct name is Florante—not Florente—Omen. According to Pandayan, Omen was never a member of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

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By Volt Contreras and Carlito Pablo

SOCIAL Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman hailed slain leftist leader Arturo Tabara as a "peacemaker" and a "nation builder" who not only helped end his group's armed conflict with the government but also worked with her agency to address the needs of the poor.

The Sept. 26 killing was a "selfish act by those who refuse to take the path toward genuine reconciliation, peace, and development," said Soliman, who gave the highest praise Tabara has so far received from a member of the Arroyo administration.

In a statement issued yesterday, Soliman honored the murder victim in her capacity as chair of the Joint Enforcement Monitoring Committee that was formed following the government's peace agreement with the Revolucionary Party of Manggagawa-Pilipinas (RPMP), the Revolutionary Proletarian Army and the Alex Boncayao Brigade in December 2000.

Tabara then sat as co-chair of the JEMC's National Technical Working Group on the cessation of hostilities.

"The solution to conflict was painstakingly begun and the noble choice was made by Mr. Tabara and the several killed before him," Soliman said.

"It is unfortunate that this crime happened at a time when the JEMC and its partners have been actively delivering the social services to those in need, thereby responding to the people's legitimate grievances," she added.

"I enjoin all peace loving citizens to stand up

against such heinous act. These crimes have taken the lives of well-meaning citizens who were not only nation builders, but fathers, husbands, sons and daughters to those who love them."

In an interview with the Inquirer, Soliman said she last met with Tabara three weeks ago when he checked on the progress of the poverty alleviation projects being pursued by the social welfare department in 12 barangays in the Negros and Panay island provinces.

The 12 villages were specially selected for the programs by the PPA Foundation, an organization under Tabara's leftist faction, she said. The projects were meant to deliver water supply, livelihood training, health services, and assistance to senior citizens.

Tabara of late had also been discussing with her the possible steps to be taken by the JEMC toward the "disposition of (rebel) forces," she recalled.

Tabara was up to a certain point recognized as a good revolutionary, Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo said yesterday.

Ocampo acknowledged that Tabara had been a colleague several years ago in the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Philippines (CPP).

"He (Tabara) rose from the ranks. He headed the CPP Visayas Committee for some time. Yes, he was recognized," Ocampo said in a phone interview.

Asked if Tabara should be remembered by the Filipino people as a patriot, Ocampo declined comment, saying he doesn't want to talk in such terms.

Putting Tabara's career in perspective, Ocampo said that Tabara was involved in the ideological debate that split the CPP in the 1990s.

Tabara set up his own breakaway group that allied itself with the breakaway faction of Filimon Lagman, although there was a "falling out" later between the two, Ocampo said.

Ocampo noted that the Tabara group, known as the RPMP and its armed wing, the PPA, later entered into a peace agreement with the Estrada administration.

As Ocampo put it, the agreement involved "collaboration (by the Tabara group with the Philippine National Police) in the government's peace and order campaign."

Ocampo said that since Tabara left the mainstream communist movement and started collaborating with government, his relations with the mainstream communist movement turned bad.

Ocampo did not make a judgment of Tabara's activities and of Tabara's person after he left the mainstream movement.

Like Tabara who was felled by assassins' bullets on Sept. 26, Lagman met a violent death in January 2001.

Ocampo, for his part, has been identified with the mainstream communist movement although he clarified that he wasn't involved in the debate that divided the movement.

Tabara said that in August or September, he chatted with Tabara when they found themselves on the same flight from Manila to Dumaguete. "He approached me first. I asked about his family," Ocampo said.

Tabara allies vow to destroy Red 'fanatics'

From page A1

RPM-P was not declaring war on the CPP-NPA. "Given the situation, we have no choice but to defend ourselves," he told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

Own investigation

De la Cruz confirmed that the RPM-P was conducting its own investigation of the double murder.

Tabara and Ong, boyfriend of Tabara's daughter, were gunned Sunday night at the parking lot of SM Fairview, apparently by hit men of the NPA. Initial police reports linked the NPA to the killing.

Citing evidence at hand, a senior police officer said Tabara was killed by the same group of highly trained assassins—including a woman—who gunned down former NPA chief Romulo "Ka Roly" Kintanar in January last year.

Like Tabara, Kintanar left the mainstream communist rebel movement in 1992 over ideological differences.

No confirmation

Three days after the killing, CPP spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal said he still could not confirm whether the NPA was behind it.

"Besides, what I initially declared that the NPA could be behind the job was only my instant reaction to the killing since an NPA team had long been looking for Tabara," he said in a cell phone interview.

Asked about the possibility that the NPA was not responsible for the Tabara slay, Rosal replied: "Just wait for our statement on the matter. It's not that easy to issue a statement and claim responsibility for the killing, especially when a big personality was involved."

He noted that the CPP-NPA claimed responsibility for the assassination of Kintanar three days after.

Rosal explained that after every "operation," all members of the NPA special team immediately retreat to the guerrilla base in the countryside.

"They can't just text or phone the result of the operation. There are security measures that we have to seriously consider," he said.

Prime suspects

Citing reports from the intelligence community, Senior Supt. Rodolfo "Boogie" Mendoza, Task Force Tabara chief, said members of the special operations group (SOG) of the CPP military staff remained the prime suspects in the killing of both Tabara and Kintanar.

The CPP military staff is headed by Leo Velasco while the SOG is led by Prudencio Calubid, a member of the CPP Central Committee.

Mendoza, a police officer with extensive background on the communist insurgency, said

investigators were looking at about 20 CPP members involved in the Tabara assassination.

"There's a separate group involved in the planning, another in the intelligence buildup, and still another one that staged the actual hit," he said. He explained that the intelligence and hit squad each had about 10 members.

Equally important in solving the case is the arrest of those who had masterminded the murder, he said.

"We are not limiting our investigation to the actual perpetrators," Mendoza said. "This is a comprehensive investigation that will also go after the mastermind."

Identities

The Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPA-ABB) has identified the two assailants in the killing of Tabara. The RPMP is the political wing of the RPA-ABB.

RPA-ABB national commander Carapali Lualhati said the assailants were believed to be members of the NPA special operations unit. The two assailants, he said, had the same profile as the gunmen who shot Kintanar at a restaurant in the Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City on Jan. 23, 2003.

Lualhati said the identity of the suspects was relayed to him by sources within the rejectionist movement whose members broke away from the CPP. But the information, he added, was still being verified.

Once confirmed, Lualhati said his group would follow the legal process and coordinate with the Philippine National Police.

"We will see to the filing of cases against the assailants so we can arrest them in coordination with the PNP when warrants of arrest are issued," he told the INQUIRER.

"We will exhaust all legal means, but if they fight back when they are arrested, we will have no choice but to retaliate," Carapali said.

Vigil

In Bacolod City, a peace vigil was held Tuesday at the Fountain of Justice by members of Alab Katipunan (AK) who demanded Justice for Tabara's killing.

AK chair Ben Solilapci said his group would continue the vigil, not only for Tabara but also for the other victims of atrocities by the CPP all over the country.

He said AK would stage a fast on Oct. 4 and hold a peace rally and a caravan to Dumaguete when the remains of Tabara are brought there.

On Tuesday, the body of Ong was brought to Dumaguete City for funeral, which is scheduled for Sunday. Tabara's sister-in-law, Dr. Evangeline Aguilan, said yesterday. Aguilan said Ong's remains lay at Eternal Homes. With a report from Carla P. Gomes, PDI Visayas Bureau

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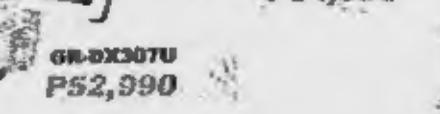
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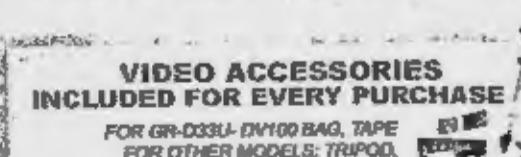
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SC DECISION

Leave barangays alone, DILG told

By Philip C. Tubaña

THE SUPREME COURT has ruled that the Department of Interior and Local Government cannot take over the National League of Barangays, saying that this would endanger local autonomy.

In a 37-page decision dated Sept. 27, the tribunal reversed an Aug. 1997 decision of the Caloocan Regional Trial Court which allowed the DILG to temporarily take control of the league after it was hit by internal squabbles over the election of its officers.

The high court also declared as unconstitutional two DILG circulars which effectively deposed Alex David, the league's presi-

dent in 1997, and set supplemental guidelines for the league's synchronized election of officers in that same year.

"These acts of the DILG went beyond the sphere of general supervision and constituted direct interference with the political affairs, not only for the Liga (the league), but more importantly, of the barangay as an institution," said the decision penned by Justice Dante Tinga.

"The mantle of local autonomy would be eviscerated and remain an empty buzzword if unconstitutional, illegal and unwarranted intrusions in the affairs of the local governments are tolerated and left unchecked," he added.

The league is the organization of all barangays and holds the power to determine its representatives to the municipal, city, or provincial councils.

While the league is primarily governed by the Local Government Code, it is empowered to make its own constitution and by-laws, including its own election rules, the high court said.

"The election of Liga officers is part of the Liga's internal organization, for which the latter has already provided guidelines... Clearly, what the DILG wielded was the power of control which even the President does not have," the tribunal said.

"As the entity exercising super-

vision over the (league), the DILG's authority over the Liga is limited to seeing to it that the rules are followed, but it cannot lay down such rules itself, nor does it have the discretion to modify them," it added.

The court said that if there were violations of the league's election rules, it should have ordered the group to conduct another election, "in accordance with the Liga's own rules, but not in obseiance to DILG-dictated guidelines."

"Neither had the DILG the authority to remove the incumbent officers of the Liga and replace them, even temporarily, with un-elected Liga officers," the tribunal said.

UK renews advisory on travel to RP

THE BRITISH government has warned its citizens they face the risk of "indiscriminate terrorist attacks" while traveling around the Philippines even as it said that Westerners were targeted in the recent terrorist attack in Indonesia.

Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) reiterated its advice against travel to central, southern and western Mindanao, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and the Sulu archipelago, where operations against terrorist and rebel groups were ongoing and where kidnappings and bombings have taken place.

It said there was a "high threat" from terrorism and kidnapping throughout the Philippines, and advised UK citizens to take particular care in the rest of Mindanao, Manila, Palawan and at coastal resorts and tourist centers throughout the country.

"There continues to be threats against Western interests and there is a danger of collateral damage from terrorist attacks targeted at others," the FCO said, adding that public transport in the Philippines was risky, whether by road, rail, sea or air.

"You should also be aware of the global risk of indiscriminate terrorist attacks, which could be against civilian targets in public places, including those frequented by foreigners," the advisory said.

The FCO recalled that Westerners were "deliberately targeted" in terrorist attacks in Jakarta this month and in August last year, and in the island resort of Bali in October 2002.

The FCO said, however, that Philippine authorities were taking steps to neutralize the terrorist threat, and had tightened security in the metropolis and other areas considered at "high risk," including airports and seaports.

UK citizens traveling in the Philippines were also advised to steer clear of animal markets and poultry farms to avoid catching avian influenza or bird flu.

The FCO noted the recent renewed outbreaks of avian influenza among poultry in Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, China and Cambodia.

"Travelers to the Philippines are not likely to be affected, but you should avoid live animal markets and poultry farms and places where you may come into contact with live poultry," the FCO said.

TJ Burgonio

Mike A asks Customs to nab name-droppers

AFTER President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered the Bureau of Customs to draft a short list of the big-time smugglers in the country, First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo asked the authorities to arrest traders using his name to fast-track the release of their illicit shipments.

In a statement, Arroyo said he had instructed his lawyer to inform newly appointed Customs Commissioner George Jereos "that nobody is authorized to use my name in any transaction in the bureau."

"Specially illegal transactions," said Arroyo, who had been implicated in the smuggling of rice, sugar, vegetables, vehicles, alcohol and dangerous drugs—which the President had tagged as the most smuggled items into the country.

Arroyo said he "does not meddle and does not intend to meddle in governance."

Arroyo recalled that he had made the same appeal against name-droppers at the BOC and National Food Authority as early as two years ago. But rumors of his involvement in smuggling continued to persist.

Asked what President Arroyo would do if her husband was found to be involved in smuggling, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said this was "far-fetched."

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(a) *motu proprio* on any matter within its jurisdiction upon a majority vote of all its Members; or

(b) upon order of the House of Representatives through:

(b1) the referral of a privilege speech containing or conveying a request or demand for the conduct of an inquiry, to the appropriate committee through a motion of the Majority Leader or his/her deputies; or

(b2) the adoption of a resolution directing a committee to conduct an inquiry reported out by the Committee on Rules after making a determination on the necessity and propriety of the conduct of an inquiry by such committee: *Provided*, That all resolutions directing any committee to conduct an inquiry shall be referred to the Committee on Rules; or

(b3) the referral by the Committee on Rules to the appropriate committee of a petition filed or information given by any person not a Member of the House requesting such inquiry after making a determination on the necessity and propriety of the conduct of an inquiry: *Provided*, That such petition or information is endorsed by the Speaker and is given under oath, stating the facts upon which it is based, and accompanied by supporting documents.

The committee to which a privilege speech, resolution, petition or information requesting an inquiry is referred may constitute and appoint subcommittees composed of at least nine committee Members for the purpose of performing any and all acts which the committee as a whole is authorized to perform except to punish for contempt: *Provided*, That where the privilege speech, resolution, petition or information is referred to two or more committees, a joint inquiry by the said committees shall be conducted.

The findings and recommendations of the subcommittees shall be submitted for approval and such other appropriate action(s) thereon by the mother committee: *Provided*, That such findings and/or recommendations including summary statements thereon or publications related thereto shall not be released by any Member of the subcommittee and/or the secretariat staff prior to the inclusion of the final committee report in the Calendar of Business as provided in Section 13 hereof.

SEC. 3. Executive Meeting of the Committee. — If the committee or subcommittee deems that the examination of a witness in a public hearing may endanger national security, it shall conduct the examination in an executive session, and shall make a determination on the necessity or propriety of conducting further examinations of such witness in a public hearing.

Attendance in executive sessions shall be limited to Members of the committee, the committee secretariat staff and such other persons whose presence are required or allowed

by the Chairperson.

No testimony taken or evidence presented in an executive session, or any summary or excerpt thereof or documents related thereto, in whole or in part, shall be made public, unless authorized by a majority vote of the Members present, there being a quorum.

SEC. 4. Internal Rules and Quorum. — Subject to the *Rules of the House of Representatives* and to those rules, the committee tasked to conduct an inquiry may adopt supplementary internal rules of procedure to govern the conduct of the inquiry.

One-fifth (1/5) of all the Members of a committee or a majority of all the Members of a subcommittee shall constitute a quorum. The Speaker, the Deputy Speakers, the Majority Leader, the Deputy Majority Leader, the Minority Leader and the Deputy Minority Leader or the Members deputized by them shall be added to the total number of committee or subcommittee Members, as the case may be, for purposes of determining the existence of a quorum if they are present in a meeting.

SEC. 5. Rules of Procedure and Evidence. — The Rules of Court shall be supplementary to these rules.

SEC. 6. Appearance of Counsel. — The person at whose instance the inquiry was initiated may be represented by counsel if he/she so desires.

A witness shall be informed by the committee or subcommittee that he/she may be represented by counsel. When informed by a witness of his/her desire to be represented by counsel or when such witness requests to be represented by counsel, the committee or subcommittee may provide him/her with a *counsel de officio*, or allow him/her to be assisted by counsel of his/her own choice.

The participation of counsel for the witness during the hearing and while the witness is testifying shall be limited to advising said witness of his/her legal rights.

Counsel for a witness shall conduct himself/herself in a professional manner and shall observe proper decorum. Otherwise, upon a majority vote of the Members present, there being a quorum, such counsel shall be subject to contempt or to such other disciplinary action that may include censure and removal from the room where the hearing is being conducted.

A counsel ordered removed from the room where the hearing is being conducted may, upon his request, be allowed to remain in the room as an observer. As such, he/she shall sit in the place reserved for the general public and shall have no participation in the proceedings.

In cases where a counsel for a witness is ordered removed from the room, the witness shall be given reasonable time, as may be determined by the committee, to secure the services of another counsel. Should the witness deliberately or capriciously fail or refuse to obtain the services of another counsel, a *counsel de officio* may be provided to the witness by the committee within a reasonable time. Thereafter, the hearing shall continue, and the testimony of such witness shall be heard.

SEC. 7. Compulsory Attendance of Witnesses. — The committee shall have the power to issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum to witnesses in any part of the country, signed by the Chairperson or acting Chairperson and the Speaker or acting Speaker. However, if the committee is unable to secure the signature of the Speaker or acting Speaker on a subpoena and/or subpoena duces tecum, it may request the Committee on Rules to act on the matter. Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Rules through a majority vote of all its Members, after determining that the attendance of a witness is indispensable to the effective conduct of the inquiry and/or to the attainment of the objective(s) thereof, the Speaker shall issue a subpoena and/or a subpoena duces tecum to compel the attendance of a witness.

Within Metro Manila, such process shall be served by the Sergeant-at-Arms or his assistant. Outside Metro Manila, service of such process may be made by the appropriate police officer or authority of the town or city, upon request of the Secretary General.

Witnesses shall testify under oath to be administered by the Chairperson or by any other person authorized by law.

Witnesses who are not government officials summoned by the committee shall be entitled, upon their request and subject to the approval of the Speaker, to reasonable transportation expenses and such other amounts as may be deemed necessary for their stay in Metro Manila.

Subpoena shall be served to witnesses at least three days before a scheduled hearing in order to give them every opportunity to prepare for the hearing and to employ counsel, should they desire.

Each subpoena shall be accompanied by a notice stating that the witness may convey to the committee, by mail, telephone or any other electronic communication device, his/her desire to confer with the secretary of the committee prior to the date of the hearing.

A witness shall be limited to giving information relevant and germane to the subject matter under investigation. The committee shall rule upon the admissibility of any testimony or information presented by the witness. Privileged communications shall be respected.

SEC. 8. Record of Inquiry. — The testimony of witnesses shall be recorded in verbatim. Records of testimonies given in executive sessions shall be placed in the custody of the Secretary General who shall ensure their preservation and confidentiality.

A witness or his/her counsel, at the expense of the witness and upon written request duly approved by the committee chairperson, may obtain transcripts of any public testimony of the witness from the secretary of the committee.

SEC. 9. Contempt. — The committee may, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present, there being a quorum, punish for contempt any person who:

(a) refuses, after being duly summoned, to obey such summons without legal excuse;

(b) refuses to be sworn or placed under affirmation;

(c) refuses to answer any relevant inquiry;

(d) refuses to produce any books, papers, documents or records that are relevant to the inquiry and are in his/her possession;

(e) acts in a disrespectful manner towards any Member of the Committee or commits misbehavior in the presence of the committee; or

(f) Unduly interferes in the conduct of proceedings during meetings.

SEC. 10. Penalty. — Contempt of the committee shall be deemed contempt of the House. The person so cited under Section 9 may, upon order of the committee, be detained in such place as the Chairperson or acting Chairperson may designate.

Those cited under Section 9, paragraph (e) and (f) shall be detained for a period not exceeding ten days in a place designated by the Chairperson or Acting Chairperson under the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

SEC. 11. Rights of Witnesses. — The rights of witnesses, including their right against self-incrimination shall be respected.

Any witness desiring to deliver or present a prepared or written statement before the committee shall file a copy of such statement, under oath, with the secretary of the committee within forty-eight (48) hours before the hearing at which the statement is to be delivered or presented.

Such statements or portions thereof which are relevant and germane to the subject of the investigation may, at the conclusion of the testimony of the witness, and upon approval by a majority vote of the Members of the committee, a quorum being present, be inserted into the official transcript of the proceedings.

A witness shall be allowed to request for and be granted postponement of his/her appearance before the committee or subcommittee on grounds that render him/her physically unable to attend the inquiry/investigation: *Provided*, That the fact of physical inability to attend the inquiry/investigation is supported by appropriate medical and/or other certification as may be required by the committee or subcommittee, and: *Provided*, further, That no witness shall be

granted more than two postponements without justifiable cause.

SEC. 12. Rights of Persons Affected by a Hearing.

— Where applicable, any person named in a public hearing or in the released record of testimonies given in executive sessions, who has not been previously so named shall, within a reasonable time thereafter, be notified of such fact by registered letter, return receipt requested, to his/her address last known to the committee. The notice shall include:

(a) a statement that the person has been so named;

(b) the date and place of hearing where the person was named;

(c) the name of the person who testified; and

(d) information to the effect that a copy of the *Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation* is available for his/her perusal in the House.

Any person so notified, who believes that his/her character or reputation was adversely affected may, within seven days after receipt of said notice:

(a) communicate with the secretary of the committee, and/or

(b) request to appear in person, at his/her own expense, before the committee in public session and give testimony.

Any person testifying under the foregoing provisions shall be accorded the same privileges as any other witness appearing before the committee, and may be questioned concerning any matter relevant and germane to the subject of the investigation.

SEC. 13. Report of Committee. — The committee shall terminate an inquiry, and submit a report thereon within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of its receipt of the referral thereof. The inquiry is deemed to have commenced on the date of receipt of the referral of the privilege speech, resolution, petition or information to the pertinent committee. For this purpose, within three days from the time the inquiry commenced, the committee shall give written notice to the Committee on Rules that it is conducting an inquiry, stating therein the subject matter thereof and the date when the inquiry commenced.

The report shall contain the findings of the committee on the subject matter of the inquiry, the grounds on which its findings are based, and its recommendations, if any. The report shall be approved by a majority vote of the Members present, there being a quorum. Members who vote against the approval of the report and who do not sign the majority report may make concurring and/or dissenting opinions.

No committee report, an excerpt or summary statement of the contents thereof, or any publication related thereto, shall be released by any Member of the committee and/or its secretariat staff prior to the inclusion of the report in the Calendar of Business.

The report, together with any concurring and/or dissenting opinion, shall be filed with the Secretary General of the House of Representatives who shall include the same in the Order of Business within three days from receipt thereof.

SEC. 14. Action on Report. — The report, upon inclusion in the Order of Business, shall be referred to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action.

SEC. 15. Effectivity. — These Rules shall take effect seven days after publication in two newspapers of general circulation.

Adopted,

Jose de Venecia Jr.
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Speaker

This Rules of Procedures Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation was adopted by the House of Representatives on September 15, 2004.

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ROBERTO P. NAZARENO
Secretary General

Ransom trail leads to case of money laundering

By Doris C. Dumla

THE GOVERNMENT has uncovered a money-laundering case involving a Cebu-based syndicate which succeeded in raising 6 million yen (P3 million) from the kidnapping of a Japanese national last year.

In the first money-laundering case to be cracked open in Cebu province, the justice department, acting on the complaint of the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC), filed money-laundering charges against a certain Alfredo Bacaldo whose bank account was used to collect ransom from the family of Ryohei Sato.

The money-laundering case arose from the kidnapping of Sato, 70, who was abducted on Jan. 30, 2003 in Lapu-Lapu City. The kidnappers demanded a ransom of 6 million yen from his family in Japan.

According to the AMLC, Yoko Sato, the kidnapped man's daughter, sent the money from Tokyo to the savings account of a James Yap in a domestic commercial bank in Lapu-Lapu.

After the ransom money was credited to the bank account, several withdrawals amounting to P455,900 was made through automated teller machines, according to the AMLC.

James Yap turned out to be Bacaldo.

Despite the ransom payment, Sato was not released and his whereabouts are unknown.

The council alerted the justice department to the money-laundering aspect of the case. The department filed the charges against Bacaldo in Lapu-Lapu City last Sept. 21.

A separate kidnapping-for-ransom case against Bacaldo and his associates is pending trial before the Lapu-Lapu City regional court.

Money laundering is a crime in which proceeds from an unlawful activity are transacted to make them appear to have originated from legitimate sources.

The law against dirty money allows the government to look into any transaction, whether a single, a series or a combination, worth at least P500,000.

This gives the authorities the leeway to probe cash deposits and investments deemed suspicious or found to be "without any credible purpose or origin, underlying trade obligation or contract."

The Philippines remains trapped in the list of so-called "un-cooperative" countries drawn up by the Paris-based international anti-money laundering watchdog, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). The government does not see the country being struck off the blacklist anytime soon.

The FATF is an organization formed by the members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which includes the powerful Group of Seven developed nations.

The organization included the Philippines in the original list of 15 non-cooper-

ative countries and territories released in 2000. At that time, the country did not yet have a law against

money laundering. In 2001, Congress passed an Anti-Money Laundering Law but the FATF was not

convinced that the new legislation had complied with international standards.

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To the devotees of the SACRED HEART OF JESUS. Tomorrow, October 1, will be the FIRST FRIDAY of the month. On Monday, Oct. 4, will be the FEAST DAY of ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, Founder of the Franciscan Order. A solemn mass is scheduled at 6:00 PM at the Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati to celebrate the Feast Day.

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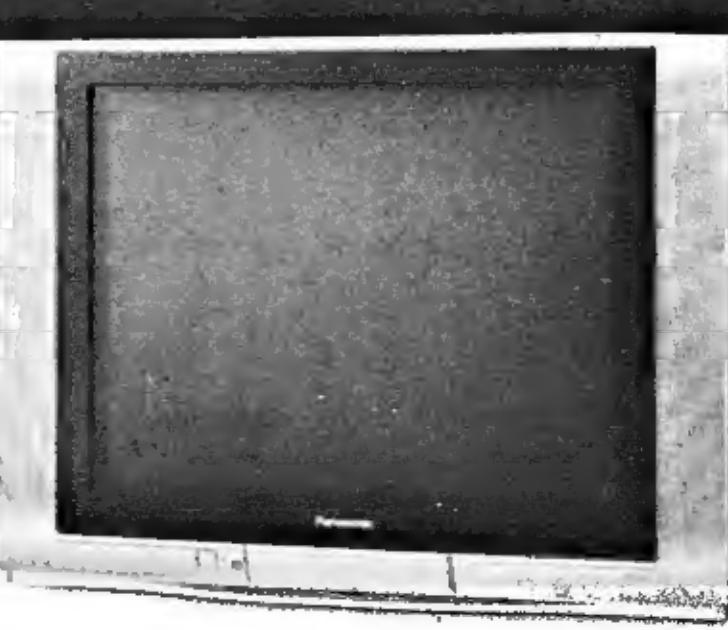
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Italian, Egyptian hostages freed in Iraq

BAGHDAD—Two female Italian hostages seized in Baghdad three weeks ago were freed on Tuesday along with kidnapped Iraqis and Egyptians in a flurry of releases, but an abducted Briton remained under threat of death.

An Arab television report said two French journalists were also close to being freed, but the French government declined to comment.

The two freed Italian aid workers, Simona Pari and Simona Torretta, were safe and well, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said. They and two Iraqi colleagues seized with them had been freed after "difficult" negotiations, he said.

News of their release sparked scenes of joy across Italy, and Italian television showed live pictures of the jet carrying the two

been threatened with beheading, remained unclear.

Pari and Torretta, both aged 29, were taken at gunpoint from their central Baghdad offices on Sept. 7 in a brazen kidnapping that jolted the thousands of foreigners working in Iraq.

"This is an extraordinary moment of joy," said Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini, who thanked Arab and Islamic leaders for helping Rome during the crisis.

A Kuwaiti daily said earlier on Tuesday the women's captors had agreed to free the hostages for a \$1-million ransom.

Announcing their release to parliament, Berlusconi said the secret services had located their whereabouts earlier this week, but rather than risk using violence to secure their release, the Italian government had preferred to negotiate.

It said the breakthrough came early on Tuesday "after a night which led us to a very difficult choice with two lines of pursuit which could have been mutually conflictual."

He gave no further details and did not mention any ransom.

Despite the flurry of releases, which follows the freeing on Monday of an Iranian diplomat kidnapped nearly two months ago, there has been no word on the fate of Bigley, 62, abducted by gunmen with two American colleagues from their Baghdad home. *Reuters*



SIMONA Pari, left, and Simona Torretta smile upon their arrival at Rome's Ciampino military airport, late Tuesday night.

US travel checks flawed, invasive, says watchdog

BERLIN—By subjecting most visitors to scans of their faces and fingers, the United States will this week expand a mass surveillance system that threatens freedom and race relations, a privacy watchdog says.

From Thursday, most visitors entering the United States will have to put each index finger in turn on a glass plate that electronically scans it, and to have a digital photo taken.

The United States says its US-Visit program—already in place for travelers requiring visas and now being rolled out more widely—will add an average of just 15 seconds to entry checks and will enhance security.

It says the biometric data will be stored in databases, along with personal information such as full name, date of birth, citizenship, sex and passport number, and can be accessed by border, consular, immigration and law enforcement officials.

London-based rights group Privacy International said in a report on Wednesday that the scheme relied on flawed technology and opaque, error-strewn watchlists on which innocent people could find themselves wrongly identified as security threats.

"There is no end to the uses to which this

sensitive information will be put, nor any meaningful borders or boundaries limiting the flow of this data," it said.

It cited former pop star Car Stevens, a Muslim convert now known as Yusaf Islam who was deported from the United States last week, as a prominent person who had fallen foul of security watchlists.

A dual Canadian-Syrian national, Maher Arar, was deported to Syria by US agents in 2002 and says he was tortured there. He is suing US officials, who he says were acting on information from Canada that marked him out as a suspected Al-Qaida member; Canadian officials deny this.

"The watchlists are numerous, and plagued with errors," Privacy International said. Its director Simon Davies said blacks and Muslims would be disproportionately targeted.

"What you'll witness in the coming months and years is an exponential rise in the number of black and Muslim travelers who will be turned away, arrested, shackled, deported, as Cat Stevens discovered," he said in a telephone interview.

The United States says the US-Visit scheme will protect both citizens and visitors, safeguard privacy and facilitate legitimate travel and trade.

Reuters

US scientists, 10 Nobel laureates launch campaign against Bush

WASHINGTON—US scientists, including 10 Nobel laureates, have launched a campaign in key US states to denounce the policies of President George W. Bush.

The group, Scientists and Engineers for Change, was created at the beginning of the week, said its spokesperson, Joy Howell.

The 25 members of the organization has scheduled a series of conferences, during which they will try to convince their audiences that the Bush administration has abused science, Howell said.

The scientists will speak in states including Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia and Wisconsin, where Bush could be beaten by Democratic rival John Kerry.

"This administration's politicization and misuse of science have made it increasingly difficult for science to play its rightful role in public policy-making," the group said on its website, www.scientistsandengineersforchange.org.

They said this attitude was "not surprising from a president who said during his campaign that 'the jury is still out on evolution.'

According to the scientists, "This situation will not change until the American people elect a leader who respects the value and integrity of science more than the self-interest of his political allies and special-interest backers."

In addition, the group said, "President George W. Bush's economic policies have severely hampered prospects for utilizing the federal (research and development) portfolio as a tool for enhancing American economic competitiveness."

The founding members of the new group include Nobel Prize winners Peter Agre (Chemistry, 2003), Sidney Altman (Chemistry, 1989), Dudley Herschbach (Chemistry, 1986), Douglas Osheroff (Physics, 1996) and Arno Penzias (Physics, 1978) as well as former National Science Foundation director and head of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Neal Lane.

AFP

Private rocket ship aims for \$10-M space prize

MOJAVE, Calif.—A three-seat rocket plane with stubby wings and a nose studded with round windows will try to blast out of Earth's atmosphere above the Mojave desert on Wednesday to qualify for a \$10-million prize designed to spur commercial space travel.

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On June 21, SpaceShipOne, helmed by 63-year-old test pi-

lot Mike Melville, became the first privately funded, manned craft to reach space.

Melville spent about three weightless minutes watching the Earth curve below him under a black sky before gliding to a safe reentry on the same Mojave runway from which he took off.

On Wednesday, SpaceShipOne's rocket engine will have to work harder—on board will be enough ballast to stand for two passengers, including tools belonging to the team and Rutan's college slide rule.

Following a successful flight on Wednesday, SpaceShipOne will have to fly by Oct. 13 to meet the X Prize requirement of two space flights within two weeks. Rutan has tentatively set the next flight for Oct. 4.

The X Prize has inspired 26 private space programs in seven countries but Rutan and Allen have remained ahead of the pack throughout the prize's eight-year history.

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PHILIPPINE DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY

So the Public May Know

Today, there is an alarming, unabated proliferation of "skin clinics," owners of which boldly and misleadingly call themselves "dermatologists." Several of these establishments are actually cosmetic parlors, while others are manned by physicians who are self-proclaimed dermatologists. Are they really legitimate dermatologists? Dermatologists are licensed medical doctors who have undergone 3 years of training on the science of dermatology which includes diagnosis and medical and surgical management of disorders of the skin, hair and nails. Mere attendance in seminars, workshops or conventions, both locally or abroad, without the basic three-year dermatology training is certainly not enough to make one a dermatologist.

In the country, the Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS) is the only recognized accrediting body for dermatological training. It is likewise the only society recognized by the Philippine Medical Association for dermatology. Now, fifty two (52) years in existence, it has pioneered and brought dermatology to high distinction in the Philippines. Currently, it has a total membership of more than six hundred qualified dermatologists many of whom have obtained further training and recognition abroad. The PDS is a member of the International League of Dermatological Societies and the League of ASEAN Dermatological Societies.

We, therefore, warn the public to be careful in choosing to whom you will entrust your skin.

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Asia bird flu death toll climbs to 30

BANGKOK—Vietnam confirmed a new bird flu death to bring Asia's human toll to 30 on Wednesday, while Thailand rued its flawed efforts to control the epidemic after reporting its first epidemic after reporting its first case of the virus jumping from one person to another.

The latest reported death was a 14-month-old baby in Hanoi, who became Vietnam's 20th victim. He was sickened with bird flu's typical symptoms of fever and coughing on Aug. 28 and died Sept. 5, a Vietnamese Health Ministry official said on condition of anonymity.

That announcement came a day after Thailand raised concern among health experts by reporting its first case of probable human-to-human transmission of the virus—a 26-year-old woman who became the country's 10th confirmed fatality.

Pranee Sodchuen died Sept. 20

of bird flu, probably after catching the disease while taking care of her sickened daughter Sakuntala in a hospital. The 11-year-old died Sept. 12 but was cremated before she could be tested to confirm she had bird flu.

The recent deaths in Vietnam and Thailand are part of a second wave of outbreaks since the disease first swept through the poultry stocks of much of Asia at the start of this year, killing or forcing the cull of tens of millions of birds. A total of 30 people have died.

New outbreaks of bird flu in recent months also have been reported in Malaysia, China, Cambodia and Indonesia.

Pranee is the first person believed to have contracted the disease from another human, rather than poultry. She had never come in contact with poultry and did

not live with her daughter who was being raised in a village where chickens were bred.

Pranee's 32-year-old sister, who also had tended Sakuntala in

the hospital, was diagnosed with bird flu Monday and is now in an isolation ward, as is her 6-year-old son. Both are listed in good condition.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Quake shakes California

PARKFIELD, California—A strong earthquake shook the state Tuesday from Los Angeles to San Francisco, cracking pipes, breaking bottles of wine and knocking pictures from walls. There were no immediate reports of any injuries from the 6.0-magnitude quake and its more than 160 aftershocks. The quake was centered about 11 km southeast of Parkfield, a town of 37 people known as California's earthquake capital. The town is one of the world's most seismically active areas, located on the San Andreas Fault. "Things were shaking so bad you couldn't tell where to go next," said Parkfield Vineyard owner Harry Miller, who grows 89 has of wine grapes. "Trees shaking like brooms, and dust coming from everywhere." The quake tipped over about 300 cases of his wine, and five or six of Miller's buildings—including his home—were damaged. Most of his water pipes burst. The quake struck at 10:15 a.m. and was felt along a 563-km stretch, as far north as Sacramento and as far south as Sta. Ana, southeast of Los Angeles. The center was about halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

AP

Palestinians mark uprising

RAMALLAH, West Bank—The Palestinian uprising marked its fourth anniversary with signs that the violent Hamas group is preparing a formidable political challenge to Yasser Arafat, despite a series of devastating blows from Israel. Hamas published newspaper ads urging supporters to vote in upcoming municipal elections, saying "it's time for change." A top Hamas leader also indicated that the group may challenge Arafat in presidential elections, which have not yet been scheduled. The uprising erupted on Sept. 28, 2000, after Ariel Sharon, then Israel's opposition leader, visited a sensitive Jerusalem hilltop revered by Jews and Muslims. Palestinian riots broke out, and five months later Sharon defeated Ehud Barak in a special election for prime minister. The fighting has taken a heavy toll on both sides, killing more than 3,000 Palestinians and nearly 1,000 Israelis.

AP

US 'Taliban' seeks release

SAN FRANCISCO—John Walker Lindh, serving 20 years in jail for fighting alongside the Taliban, asked the US government on Tuesday to lessen his sentence after it decided to release a second American captured in Afghanistan. Lindh, 23, dubbed the "American Taliban," was captured in 2001 during the Afghanistan war and was sentenced in 2002 after a plea deal. His lawyer, James Broanahan, said he had filed an appeal to commute the sentence after news that a long-held accused enemy combatant, Yaser Hamdi, was to be flown from the US to Saudi Arabia on Tuesday. A Saudi-born US citizen, Hamdi was captured on the same day and place as Lindh. "I hope America can find it in her heart to forgive John," Lindh's mother Marilyn Walker, a homemaker, told a news conference. "John has admitted he made a mistake when he went to Afghanistan in June 2001 to fight in the civil war between the Taliban and the Northern Alliance. Despite what people may think, John Lindh took no action whatsoever against his native country."

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Weakness

THE STRONGEST argument against the proposed grant of amnesty to the young officers and soldiers behind the failed mutiny in July 2003 is the bare-faced impunity with which Gregorio Honasan, his comrades and his patrons attempted again and again to grab power from President Corazon Aquino, unleashing mayhem and destruction to the tune of billions of pesos. The kid-glove treatment early on accorded

EDITORIALS the rebel soldiers by an administration that, although triumphant in its becoming, was trapped in an uneasy partnership with a military unaccustomed to civilian leadership, served not only to coddle their petulance but also to display weakness. And as any student of psychology would know, weakness—or even the perception of it—is a no-no in statecraft.

But the way it looks, there's a big chance the Magdalo boys would be granted amnesty after the court martial is over and done with. The Palace insists that the six leaders of the failed mutiny did not seek concessions or special treatment in exchange for making a public apology to their commander in chief, but it is also saying that the hearings will be "expedited." The public can take that to mean the hearings would be pushed, or speeded up (a context quaintly Filipino, of a piece with such time-honored practices as *lagay*). At any rate, Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz—in whose office the six officers met last week with the woman whom one of them once described as "yacking and yakking"—is preparing to study the possibility of amnesty. Here we go again.

It's quite easy to see why the idea of amnesty for the Magdalo boys appeals to certain sectors. If their leaders are halfway representative of them, they're young, articulate and had a good academic record. And despite the possible antipathy that two or three of the leaders may have generated from the viewing public during their televised takeover of the Oakwood Premier serviced apartments in Makati, the grievances they aired—corruption in the military, for one, the sort that allegedly allows soldiers to go to combat with inadequate gear while generals wallow in luxury—struck resonance in the hearts and minds of many.

Yet for all that, for the wistful sentiment among many that despite the group's unacceptable mode of action, a substantial change would somehow result in life to these parts, it clearly broke the chain of command and challenged the state—and is, therefore, legally liable for punishment. A strong state would not have hesitated to seize the moment and impose a punishment exacting and swift. But, as has been pointed out, the moment is long past for a lesson to be unequivocally imposed.

The mutineers languished behind bars for more than a year, their youth sapped by inactivity and the uncertainty of their future. It was fertile ground for a compromise, although both parties deny that any such thing occurred. Still, in these parts where authorities seem to talk from both sides of their mouths and the administration has lost credibility (through no fault but its own, announcing one thing and blithely doing another as though it had no shred of respect for honor, let alone memory), it is clear what the public will believe.

Strength

GRANTING that quid pro quo governed the Magdalo leaders' apology to President Macapagal-Arroyo, and granting that the grant of amnesty was part of it, the attentive observer is left to wonder what the government would be holding as the prize. Perhaps the names of the mastermind(s) of the adventure that again brought a black eye to the Philippines' image abroad and discouraged precious investors from even setting foot on our shores?

It's only fair that the government get something out of a possible amnesty and reinstatement of the mutineers. After all, it's not unreasonable for, say, important and decisive evidence to be turned over by a criminal before the government allows him or her to become a state witness. This is the way of the exchange; there is no room for a vacuum on either side.

But that's granting there is room for a fair exchange, or that the Arroyo administration has the capability in this case to bargain from a position of strength. Is this at all possible in these parts where the military, ever the old boys' club, appears to be still calling the shots, the way it did during the Marcos regime?



Values without illusions

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

want to stressed-out folk like us, buffeted by rebels, muscle and smog?

In the infirmary, a dying Therese overheard two sisters fret that little could be written into her *circulaire*, the traditional notice of death mailed to other Carmels. But just 28 years after her *circulaire* was filed, Pope Pius XI canonized this "cipher." She bolted to the title "Patron of the Missions," along with that peripatetic extrovert, the Jesuit Francis Xavier.

That's breakneck speed for an institution that shuns hurry. The Cebuano (?) "OFW" and martyr, Pedro Calungsod, was beatified 330 years after his Guam martyrdom.

Elevation to the altar in less than a century is Pope John Paul II's imprint on the ancient process. Those honored include: Maximilian Kolbe, who took a prisoner's place on the Gestapo execution list; Jose Maria Escrivá de Balaguer and Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Part of Therese's influence stems from her brief autobiography, read by presidents and laborers. Yet, she was reluctant to write it. But the Lisieux prioress, her elder sister, requested she do so. In her spare time, by flickering candlelight in her unheated cell, she wrote it by hand on ruled scrap paper.

"What I have written... will make the kindness of God known better," Therese told her sister a month before her death. But the first 2,000 copies, distributed in 1898, seemed like her *circulaire*—ordinary and forgettable.

Today, "Story Of A Soul" has been translated into 38 languages, at last count. "Once read, it cannot be forgotten," says Image Books editor John Beever. How does one explain this drawing power?

In "Story," Therese sketches her "little way"—ordinary deeds done with confidence in the Father's limitless goodness. This self-effacing nun, who sometimes dozed off in prayer, flatly insists: "Our faults do not distress God. Most people judge His power by their own limited understanding."

Her "little way" included coping gently with irritable nuns, curbing her tongue, stifling complaints over dirty laundry water spilled on her, performing unasked small services, like folding the cloaks of others. Undramatic fidelity, she taught, was a spirituality that harbored no illusions.

Our frailties, she taught novices, are smoothed in the Father's kindness. We are not called to flagellation or heroic deeds. But fidelity to daily duties, out of love, mediate the Father's presence in a world in need of healing.

She saw with clarity and lived out with constancy what the mystic John of the Cross of Carmel wrote: "In the evening of life, we shall all be examined on love."

After Dr De Corneille's final visit, Therese gasps: "Is it today, Mother?" The prioress stroked her skeletal hands and gently answers: "Yes, child."

That strikes a chord. For all of us, without exception, the time comes when we too ask: "Is it today?" And the *circulaire* of our deaths will also record nothing extraordinary. Our problems are mostly banal: fuming in traffic gridlocks or impatiently shrugging off pains-in-the-neck.

But God's mercy can transfigure all, Therese insisted. "The justice that frightens so many is the object of my joy and confidence," she wrote. "I expect as much from God's justice as His mercy."

That theme reverberates in "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," the 1928 Pulitzer prize winning novel by Thornton Wilder: "There is a land of the living and a land of the dead, and the bridge is love, the only survival, the only meaning."

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Alarm bell

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros



THE THING was a subject of much (heated) discussion in the Internet some years ago, and for some reason has gotten a new lease on life of late. That is the apparent anti-Filipino remarks of Art Bell, an American talk-show host. Filipinos and Americans alike were up in arms over his commentaries some years ago and tried to get him fired from his radio station. They are so as well today, to go by the trite postulations I've gotten in my e-mail.

There's only one problem here: Art Bell never said those things. His supposed remarks were a hoax, as the inquirer found out a couple of years ago. And Bell, a completely respectable talk-show host, has been protesting it since it came out on the Internet. The hoax has him saying:

"In the past few decades, Filipinos have begun to infest the United States like some sort of disease.... Nothing respectable has ever been created by the Filipino people.... Young Filipino men in America... have an enormously perverted affection for Japanese cars.... In their minds, they somehow believe they are Asian...." (In fact), in Japan, Filipinos are heavily discriminated against. The only Filipinos that can live successfully in Japan are the prostitutes. Nothing in Filipino Culture can be seen as Asian. They have no architectural, artistic, or cultural influence which is in any way, Asian. Thinking of the great countries in Asia such as Japan, Korea, and China there is no way you can possibly connect the Philippine Islands."

There's a lot more, but you get the drift. What can I say? The Web crawls with spiders. It is as much home to nasty pranksters as to software sharers. While at this, to this day I keep getting e-mail that has apparently bounced back to me. "Apparently" because I never sent those e-mails to begin with. Clearly, the characters who kept sending people e-mails purportedly from me during the height of the Iraq War (someone wrote me to say he got pornographic material; I asked him to send it "back" but un-happily got no answer) are still alive and crawling in the woodwork.

What has given the Art Bell hoax a life of its

own however is that it is perfectly believable. It is perfectly believable that an American radio host would say it. Howard Stern comes to mind. And only recently Jay Leno had some funny things to say about the size of the Filipino contingent in Iraq and its capacity to win the 100-meter dash. Their remarks, of course, are not of the order of wholesale Filipino-bashing, but it is not inconceivable that someone should up the ante.

What makes the hoax credible moreover is that there is a grain of truth in it. It's a trick mirror, but a trick mirror does reflect something even if it presents it in grotesque form. Whoever put the words in Bell's mouth knew a thing or two about Filipinos.

True enough, compared to the other Asian countries, we seem to be utterly without accomplishment. More so now than ever. We have no culture comparable to that of any of the East Asian countries, or indeed even the Southeast Asian ones. Thailand has every reason to draw in the tourists (it has 10 times more than us) and that isn't only because of the pleasures of the flesh it offers (we supply it equally abundantly).

Of course, we can always argue that the United States, quite apart from Spain and Japan, had a great deal to do with creating the cultural wasteland. I remember saying exactly that some months ago when US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone lamented the culture of corruption that was ravaging these islands. Pray, what is colonialism but an object—or abject—lesson in it? Close to four centuries of colonial rule does take its toll on a people.

But it is cold comfort. True enough, too, it's

not just that we have no identity to be proud of, unlike other Asians, it's that we have no identity, period. We do tend to poach on other people's identities in lieu of brandishing our own. The only thing wrong about the hoax in fact is that it accuses Filipinos of usurping an Asian identity. That is not so at all. Filipinos do not like to usurp an Asian identity, they like to usurp a Western identity. Or more specifically an American identity. That is true not just with Filipinos in America but with Filipinos in the Philippines. The alienation of the Filipino does not begin in America, it begins right at home.

The colonial label, "little brown brother," has become the post-colonial label, American citizen, or green card holder. That is the great Filipino dream, and that is the great Filipino tragedy.

Nothing has driven that home to me more than something a Filipino advertiser in America once told me. During an advertising conference, he said, he was astonished to see that American advertisers had special ads for various ethnic communities—Mexicans, Chinese, Vietnamese, etc. but none for Filipinos. He learned soon enough why. Filipinos were considered a subset of the American market, they did not need a different pitch. A reasonable assumption, to go by the very ads we have right here. Filipinos are not assimilated, they are subsumed—and the subsumption begins right at home.

And true enough, finally, we have been tumbling into the world like a flood, though the United States remains the preferred country of exile, if not infesting it like a virus. That, along with leaving behind a country that is going nowhere and having a reputation for seizing other people's identities, a la "The Invasion of the Body Snatchers," opens us up to all sorts of parodies, nasty remarks, and well, hoaxes like this.

I am glad this hoax persists, even if we have to remove Bell from its shadow once and for all. It forces us to look at ourselves. We truly are becoming a people with no history, no identity, and the way things are, no home.

Someone should be ringing that Alarm Bell.

No thanks, Veravaidya

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

If this administration were to grant amnesty to the Oakwood mutineers, as three Cabinet members have suggested, instead of allowing the court martial to take place and reach a verdict, this country would really be the butt of jokes abroad as a "soft republic." My feedback is that we are being perceived abroad as "too soft" and "emotional" about everything—from the pullout of our small contingent in Iraq in the face of threats on the life of Angel de la Cruz to the handling of the tax reform measures to the dilly dallying on the cases against the Marcoses and their cronies. I think other nations eventually understood why the President responded the way she did in Iraq, but they will not be able to understand our kid-gloves treatment for the mutineers, especially since coup attempts are perceived to occur with alarming regularity due to the soft stance of the authorities toward rebel soldiers.

I submit that all the debate about them should cease and that justice be allowed to take its course.

Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit has every reason to get offended by Thai Sen. Mechai Ravaiya, popularly known as the "Condom King," who lectured Dayrit on how to contain AIDS here through the use of condoms. Veravaidya was quoted as criticizing the Philippine government for "facking the will" to combat the deadly disease and tackle our burgeoning population problem. Who's he to lecture us about how we should run our country? That's plain interference. If a Filipino official were to go to Thailand and start bad-mouthing Thai officials, wouldn't he be pelted with tomatoes and hustled off to the airport? The problem is that any self-righteous official from abroad thinks he can give us a piece of his mind, and we meekly allow it. No wonder we're regarded as the doormat of the world.

In the second place, why should we allow Veravaidya to lecture us when, as Dayrit pointed out, the recorded incidence of AIDS here involves only 2,000 cases whereas in Thailand, over a million are infected with the HIV virus? Thailand has perhaps the worst AIDS problem in Asia and this has worried the World Health Organization for two decades now. It's easy to see why it threatens to reach pandemic proportions. For instead of concentrating first on a campaign to curb promiscuity and promote a more moral use of sex, officials like Veravaidya are merely pushing the use of condoms for safe sex even among the very young. I think he ought to go home and tackle the very serious problem in his home front and leave us to handle our problem here. I agree with former Health Undersecretary Mario Taguiwalo that we cannot afford to be complacent about this problem, as he warned that there are about 6,000 HIV cases here. But we can debate this issue by ourselves, thank you.

The Malampaya project is to date the biggest single foreign investment here, and with oil prices soaring, the country is pinning its hopes on this natural gas project to further reduce our dependence on imported oils. As Bomasang noted in his book, our oil dependence hit 92 percent in 1976 but was reduced to 50 percent in 1985 and just over 20 percent today, because of the rise in alternative energy sources, such as Malampaya's natural gas and geothermal energy in Bicol and the Visayas.

But as Speaker Jose de Venecia stressed in his 12-point program for wealth generation, which he submitted to GMA, Malampaya is good for both RP and the foreign investors. He noted that Shell Company, which invested \$4 to \$5 billion when it took over the field from US Occidental Petroleum, will have fully recovered its cost by next year. This means that the government share in Malampaya of about \$500 million a year or \$10 billion over 20 years could begin to go up by next year, he said. "This is like recovering the Marcos wealth at \$600 million a year or better," said JDV, who stressed that we should explore and develop more oil and gas wells in offshore Palawan.

Read all about our struggle for energy self-sufficiency in Bomasang's book. I'll let you know where to get it.

Bomasang has finished his book, titled "From

Shrine for the poor

HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

CALL it congruence, synchronicity or whatever, but this week brought a couple of church-related news that are good news.

Rising fast in Tandang Sora in Quezon City is a shrine, Santuario de San Vicente de Paul, dedicated to the cause of the poor of the city. It is named after the 17th-century French saint who dedicated his life to the very poor.

The Santuario's *raison d'être* sounds best in Pilipino: "Ang tunay na eseruya ng Santuario de San Vicente de Paul ay hindi tumutukoy sa maligayang na sementa at matayog na pader. Ang Santuario ay ang mga taong bumubuo nito. Ang mahihirap ang tanggap bawat Santuario, at ang mayayamang nagsimbahang ng kanilang biyaya sa mahihirap ang magiging katiwang nito na magusilbing kamay at pag-aari sa patuloy na pagiging. Ang Santuario ay yeyakap sa lahat ng wri ng too, mayaman man o mahirap. Misyon ng simbahang ito ang bryan ng sapat na atensyon at pagkabuhang ang mahihirap at kuitang palad."

For those who don't understand Pilipino: "The essence of Santuario de San Vicente de Paul lies not in the cold concrete and the high walls. The Santuario is the people who form it. The life of the Santuario draws mainly from the poor, and the rich who want to share their blessings with the poor are the partners who would serve as hands and feet so that it will flourish. The Santuario will embrace all, both the rich and the poor. This church's mission is to give attention and care to the poor and the less fortunate."

The Santuario will cost P100 to P150 million, I am told. Structures could vanish in a wink, but the spirit and vision behind them, if nurtured and built into hearts, could remain for all time. Church is more than just structure, we all know that, and this shrine that is taking shape is already showing in concrete how a church lives and breathes and thrives. But this is jumping the gun.

The cost would have made me groan had I not known about the spirit behind the project. Well, it wasn't as if the money was all there in the beginning and suddenly it was all going to be poured into a

cold structure. But, as the saying goes, if you build it they will come. The funds came as the building progressed, and the poor, yes, even the poor, continue to give their widow's mite, because the shrine is theirs, and they know they belong. This is their cathedral. They say it speaks to them of hope.

Come to think of it, the so-called "church of the poor" need not literally be a replica of the hovels that the poor live in, though I also do not want to see a gilded edifice soaring in the midst of destitution and the people who run it enjoying five-star comfort.

The Santuario is within the six-hectare seminary grounds of the Vincentian fathers who run ministries in that part of Quezon City. Yes, they're doing an amazing job over there, especially at the Payatas garbage dump.

According to Fr. Arilano Pajardo, the awe-struck project director who has not ceased being amazed by how fast the dream is becoming a reality, they started with a mere P500,000. I hope the P150-million "investment" will multiply a hundredfold and generate more concern for the city's most neglected.

Held last Sunday, on the eve of the feast of St. Vincent, was a "lakad alay" (walkathon) that started from QC Hall and ended at the Santuario site. Walking together were the poor and the not-so-poor of the church as well as city officials. Mayor Feliciano Belmonte read the city ordinance declaring St. Vincent the "patron of the urban poor of Quezon City." (A city ordinance? Isn't that crossing the church-state demarcation line?)

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Sports for health and fitness, not just for medals and honors

SEN. Lot Estrada gamely executes a few strokes with her badminton racket, begins to exhibit signs of a heart attack and is rushed to a hospital. This incident gives us reason to reorient our thinking on sports as a national enterprise—not only for winning medals and earning international prestige, but more so as a strategy for promoting health and physical fitness.

The remarkable rise of Australia to the top of international sports may be traced to a campaign—aptly called: “Sports—Be In It!”—launched two decades ago to get people to participate in sports. It was a take-off from a program started earlier in Canada to create public support for the hosting of the Montreal Olympics, called “Participation,” a term coined to connote active participation in physical fitness and sports activities. The Philippines has not been lacking in such well-meaning campaigns.

Leading by bad example

IN HER ardent desire to impose new taxes, President Macapagal-Arroyo has given the world the impression that we are a nation of beggars and freeloaders. Beggars because of the “forced monetary contributions” her administration solicits from businessmen. Of course, no Filipino entrepreneur would dare turn down the “request” lest he incur the ire of the government which would be catastrophic for his business.

I say freeloaders because she chose to hobnob with world leaders in Brunei during the wedding of Sultan Bolkiah’s son, even if another

The Department of Health, for example, during the Ramos administration, launched a fitness program called: “Hataw Bayan Hataw!” which consisted of a series of aerobic exercises. Two years ago, this campaign was supplemented with “Mag-Wellness Lifestyle Tayo!” The problem is, the DOH, and the Philippine Sports Commission (which is mandated to promote physical fitness and mass-based sports) have not considered adopting the strategy which proved successful in Canada and Australia.

Instead of looking at sports primarily as a means to raise the level of physical fitness, health and well-being of the citizenry, sports is being viewed by the government and our sports leaders in a very myopic prism: as a quest for a first Olympic gold medal.

With the continued decline of our country’s performance in in-

ternational sports, it is time to change strategy and adopt what has proven to be successful in other countries. First and foremost is to change public appreciation of sports—as a potent medium for promoting physical fitness and health. Medical health and science prescribe physical activity as a form of preventive medicine against metabolic diseases, such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease.

If our campaign in sports is directed at encouraging active participation in sports among the citizenry for health and well-being, we will not only produce healthy and fit citizens but also athletes who will win the medals and honors we want so badly.

—PATRICIO H. MAMOT, president, Philippine Association of Physical Educators Inc. (PAPE), dmamot@hotmail.com

How can the President impress upon us the need to tighten our belt, and to pay more taxes when she and many of those in government are not leading by example? She’s not at all convincing, even in her attempt to force through the tax on text by giving it such exotic tags like “windfall profit,” “excise tax,” and now “computer education tax.”

What has our country come to?

—MA. VICTORIA VERGARA, 6 Kamagong St., Madeca Homes 1, Barangay San Roque, Caloocan, Rizal

LETTERS

Contraceptives are mere palliatives

I GREATLY appreciate Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit for taking time to explain the Department of Health’s approach to population development. (PDI, 9/20/04) I cannot but wholly agree with him, and there are many friends of mine in the health care sector who support his stand.

But I also add that distributing artificial contraceptives is really a palliative. If our government and other private entities are willing to spend millions for the distribution of contraceptive medicines and devices, they might as well re-channel their money to address the country’s development challenges: countryside development and livelihood opportunities.

In the Visayas and Mindanao, there are huge tracts of undeveloped lands and the farmers and fishermen need efficient infrastructure to send their produce/products to the towns and cities. Now if only the people in the provinces have adequate economic opportunities right where they are, then they need not go and congest the big cities.

Metro Manila only gives an impression of overpopulation but if you look down South, there are lots of idle lands that could be developed if only the powers-that-be are sincere about uplifting the conditions of our poor.

—ANNIE Z. NYCOL, 45 Ma. Clara St., Bons Aurora Subd., Bulacan City

Better deal for Pinoy doctors urged to stop migration

THERE is a shortage of medical doctors right now in the Philippines. By 2010 the shortfall could reach a crisis point of more than 18,000.

But many Filipino physicians are working to migrate to the United States as nurses. The overriding reason is economic survival. Nothing to do with professional self-fulfillment as medical doctors. But shifting gears—to being a nurse—is also enough to shore up their professional commitment to help the sick—not in the Philippines but in the United States and other countries in the world. Sad and unfair. But then, who says life is fair?

The United States needs more trained nurses. What is more trained than a medical doctor who studies for many years wanting to be a nurse?

To be a doctor may be to stand at the top of the health professionals’ totem pole. But the stomach needs are more compelling. In our country, a physician’s ability to

earn a decent living is stymied by our economy. For many doctors, as well as highly trained Filipino professionals, grappling with the economic realities in life is almost a daily grind.

As nurses in the United States, they would earn handsomely. Since it is a lot easier to secure a visa (and a green card, thus a step closer to American citizenship)—plus, of course, the prospective lucrative pay—the attraction is hard to resist.

But there is a downside to this. Poor Filipinos in many rural areas will remain deprived of medical attention and care.

Our government should do something to keep our medical school graduates in our country. It should offer them respectable incomes and opportunities to provide decent future for their families. Our physicians-turned-nurses CANNOT be blamed entirely

—PATRICIO H. MAMOT, New York, USA

‘Must do’ priority for Manila

IN A HISTORIC city sorely bereft of nature parks and clean air, it is truly worthy to take note of the Winner Foundation’s and Araceli Dans’ noble efforts to preserve Arroceros Park.

Manila, being the nation’s capital, must be the showcase of our beautiful country. Thus, preserving little of what we have left in centuries-old flora should be a “must do” priority of both the city government and its citizens.

I realize that Mayor Lieb Abenza has made great strides in spruc-

ing up our capital. However, maintaining and further enhancing the vestiges of our historic past, particularly in the realm of both nature and the environment, should likewise be given utmost attention for the sake of the present and future generations of Manila for who surely will truly appreciate what used to be and hopefully, once again, would be a fine, livable city.

May the Winner Foundation’s and Dans’ tribe increase

—JAMES G. MATTE, james_matt94618@yahoo.com

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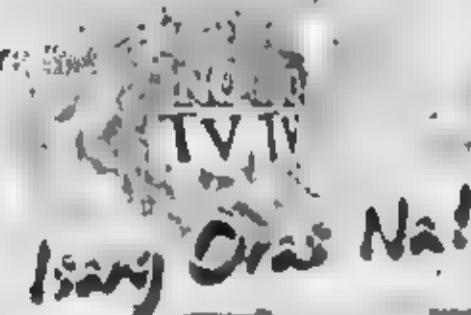
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SLOW RIDE

Farm hands ride a tractor, a common sight in many rural areas in the country where the few means of transportation include those that are used for tilling the land.

4 kidnap suspects fall in raid in Cavite town

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—Police arrested four suspected members of a kidnap-for-ransom group, including a former Army sergeant, in a series of operations in Bacoor, Cavite.

Police said yesterday Jose Vilalmar, 24; Aaron Toribio, 33, a former Scout Ranger based in Basilan and Sulu; Analyn Santos, 27; and Danilo Perpetua, 31, were arrested in their alleged hideout on Theresa corner in Addas Subdivision in Barangay Molino, Bacoor.

The four were members of the Waray-Waray kidnapping gang, said Supt. Mario Sanga, Calabarzon chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

The group had kidnapped two Chinese-Filipino businessmen about two months ago, said Sanga.

The raid on the group's alleged hideout came after a warrant was issued by Judge Caesar Mangabrang of the Imus Regional Trial Court.

In a separate raid, police arrested Santos and Perpetua also in Bacoor.

Sanga said aside from kidnapping, the group was also involved in selling guns and in bank robberies.

He said the arrest came after one of his men bought an unlicensed 45 cal. pistol from the group.

"That was when we verified that the group was into gunrunning so we promptly applied for a search warrant," said Sanga.

He said evidence and witnesses later led to information that the group was also involved in kidnapping.

Police found guns, ammunition, police and security guard uniforms and a registration paper of a Mitsubishi Pajero owned by Richardson Ngo, whom the group kidnapped in Tanza, Cavite on Aug. 7.

Sanga said the suspects use uniforms of the Traffic Management Group in kidnappings and other crimes.

Richardson had identified a Nokia 6600 phone recovered from Perpetua as one of the four cellular phones that his family gave as ransom to the group.

Sanga said the group was also believed to be behind four other kidnappings in Manila this year.

Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

MILF open to autonomy, says envoy

COTABATO CITY—Libyan Ambassador Salem Adem said it was likely that the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) would settle for an autonomous government in exchange for ending the country's decades-old Moro rebellion.

Adem told reporters here Sunday that during his meetings with the MILF, its top leaders have indicated that they would accept autonomy as a political settlement.

Malacañang has been dangling the package of an expanded autonomy to get the MILF to sign a peace treaty.

The resetting of the elections in

though the government has yet to submit an official proposal.

"It's not true," Adem said of the report.

He said based on his meetings with MILF chair Hadji Murad Ibrahim, the MILF is now open to a settlement of the 34-year conflict through limited self-rule.

Ed Kabah, MILF spokesperson, said although the MILF is open to a peaceful settlement of the Bangsamoro rebellion, there was no discussion between Murad and Adem about autonomy as an option.

"I was there. What was discussed was the deployment of the International Monitoring Team," he said.

Kabalau said he believes Adem had been misquoted.

Libya is a core member of the 56-state Organization of the Islamic Conference and was instrumental for the peace agreement between the government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) in 1996.

When asked about possible feud between the MILF and the MNLF when both groups are accommo-

dated in the ARMM, Adem said: "That will be up to the MNLF and the MILF to agree on as brothers."

Cotabato City Mayor Muslimin Sema, also the MNLF secretary general, was cynical about a government-MILF peace agreement in the near future, "unless the MILF would ignore the possibility of experiencing the same predicament that we (in the MNLF) have gone through and are still facing today."

"I don't think they would run that risk," he said.

Sema said the government still owed the MNLF the full implementation of phase two of the Sept. 2, 1996 peace agreement.

He said the enactment by Congress of Republic Act 9054 to expand and add more power to the ARMM did not really empower the ARMM.

"Look, has ARMM ever had true elections?" Sema asked.

Kabalau said a political settlement could come after several key issues had been ironed out. Nash B. Maulana with reports from Allan A. Naval, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Palace tells Isabela gov to answer case on workers' relief

ILAGAN, Isabela—Malacañang has ordered Gov. Maria Gracia Cielo Padaca to answer the administrative complaint filed against her by eight department heads of the Isabela provincial government whom she relieved in July.

The order was issued by Manuel Gaita, deputy executive secretary for legal affairs, on Sept. 8 after the eight officials filed an administrative complaint for abuse of authority and oppression against Padaca.

The eight Isabela officials, most of them in government service for at least 20 years, also

asked the regional Civil Service Commission (CSC) to intercede and order Padaca to reinstate them to their positions.

The eight officials are provincial assessor Guillermo Baretto, provincial cooperative officer Carlito Tumaluan, provincial planning and development officer Nestor Salvador, provincial agriculturist Danilo Tumamao, provincial accountant Pete Gerald Javier, provincial engineer Medardo Aggar, provincial health officer Dr. Rosa Rita Mariano and provincial board secretary Manuel Santos.

They earlier sued Padaca at

four regional trial courts for grave abuse of discretion.

In their petition with the CSC, the officials invoked the constitutional provision that "no officer or employee shall be removed or suspended except for cause provided by law."

They said their relief as department heads cost them their allowances prescribed by two provincial board resolutions.

Padaca said she would answer the charges.

"I want to work with people who I (trust). That is a management discretion," she said.

Gaita asked Padaca to submit her answer to the Department

of Interior and Local Government.

Tumamao, who has been in government service for 26 years, assailed Padaca for favoring her relatives whom she appointed when she assumed office.

He said Padaca issued service vehicles to her sister, executive assistant Alma Bella Padaca-Castillo, and her brother and relatives who are working as her confidential employees.

"It is quite lamentable that some provincial offices are lacking in government vehicles and here comes the governor issuing government cars to her

own sister, relatives and friends. Where is austerity there? Is that equitable and justifiable to the public?" he asked.

Salvador, the longest-serving government servant at 29 years, said "the moral, mental, physical and emotional pressure" against them by Padaca has continued since their relief from their positions on July 20.

Salvador said they were made to stay inside an office "without anything to do and without any directives from her (Padaca)." Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Troops claim they captured 17-yr-old reb

DAVAO CITY Government troops captured a 17-year-old member of the New People's Army (NPA) on Thursday morning following an encounter Wednesday night in Pantukan town, Compostela Valley.

Lt. Col. Agape Adriatico, military spokesperson for Southeastern Mindanao, said elements of the 404th Infantry Brigade arrested the young rebel in Sitio Lanawan, Barangay Napapan in Pantukan while he was about to escape.

Adriatico said the rebel, a resident of Libudon in Mati, Davao Oriental, is now at the 404th IB headquarters based in Mawab, Compostela Valley.

The young rebel allegedly told the military that he was recruited by a certain Ka Bencio last year while he was still 16 years old.

He was quoted as saying he was promised good pay and education if he joined the rebel group.

"Thus is indeed a clear violation of the rights of children," said Adriatico.

The military has accused the NPA of recruiting minors. Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Military denies US troops' involvement in clash with Sayyaf

ZAMBOANGA CITY—The military yesterday rejected an Associated Press report that said American forces backed up Filipino soldiers during an operation against the Abu Sayyaf in Patikul, Sulu on Monday.

"There were no American soldiers involved. In fact no American soldier is in Sulu right now," Southern Command chief Maj. Gen. Generoso Senga told the INQUIRER.

"All I said was there was an encounter, I haven't mentioned anything about Americans involved in the operation," Brig. Gen. Agustín Dema-ala, chief of the Task Force Comet overseeing the Sulu operations, said.

Dema-ala, who was quoted in the AP report, said there could have been a mix up because he was also asked if there was an ongoing training involving Ameri-

can servicemen and Filipino soldiers here.

"I said there are American forces training our troops here but I did not say they helped us in Sulu," he said.

Senga said there was nothing special in the Patikul operation, which resulted in the death of at least one Marine and the wounding of eight other soldiers.

He said the soldiers were con-

ducting a regular operation in Barangay Pansul when they chanced upon a large group of bandits.

"It was a thirty-minute fire-fight. We believe we also inflicted (sic) an undetermined number of casualties against the bandits," Senga said.

Meanwhile, Senga reported that an Abu Sayyaf sub-leader was killed when his group clashed with armed militiamen

in Pata town, also in Sulu on Monday.

He did not specify how the clash between the group of Patao village official Almudzni Amil and Abu leader Misuara Amilan started.

But Senga said two other bandits were killed in the clash.

"Amilan's wife and a nephew were also wounded in the fire-fight," Senga said. Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau

LTFRB under fire for fare hike, row on taxi meters

By Shunex Napalicas
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) chair Ma. Elena Bautista was asked upon learning that leaders of a consumer group in Cebu were seeking her ouster following her announcement that flag down rates for taxis would increase next month.

But it wasn't only the Cebu consumer group that was angered by the LTFRB's latest move to adjust taxi rates.

In a statement, the Philippine Taximeters Association (PTA), a group of owners of shops that manufacture taxi meters, also expressed disgust over the LT-

FRB's and Department of Trade and Industry's guidelines accrediting shops and technicians to calibrate taxi meters nationwide.

Ricardo Espiritu, head of the PTA, said only taxi meter shops with at least a year's experience should be accredited as qualified to calibrate taxi meters.

"Both agencies have overlooked the track record of taxi meter shops that have operated for more than 10 years," said Espiritu.

Bautista clarified that only the taxis in Metro Manila will be affected by the adjustment in the flag down rates from P25 to P30.

"Let them (seek for my ouster) ... you know they're

making conclusion for that even if they don't know what's happening," Bautista said.

Manuel Iway, former Land Transportation Office director for Central Visayas and now legal counsel of the Association of Concerned Commuters and Consumers (AC3), said they would ask President Macapagal-Arroyo to relieve Bautista from her post for favoring the taxi operators and drivers to the detriment of the commuters.

Soule Mercado, AC3 president, urged Bautista to rectify her statements, or else their group would demand her ouster.

Iway and Mercado said Bautista should not make any announcement on increases in

taxi fare in the wake of the public hearings being conducted by the LTFRB in Central Visayas for the petition for a fare adjustment filed by Metro Cebu Taxi Operators Association (MCTOA).

The MCTOA asked the LTFRB to adjust the flag down rates to P30 for the first 500 meters and additional P2.50 from P2.00 for every 300 kilometers.

During the public hearing on Thursday, the AC3 formally submitted its opposition to the increase.

The LTFRB regional office scheduled another hearing on Oct. 5 because MCTOA had to answer the opposition filed by AC3.

New bridges now finished in Pangasinan, Mindanao

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Works and Highways has recently completed two bridges in Luzon and Mindanao.

In an announcement, the DPWH said the P16.4-million Malanay-Tuliao bridge in Pangasinan and the P37-million Dipolo Gamay bridge in Molave, Zamboanga del Sur have been completed this month.

More bridge projects are scheduled for completion this year, according to Public Works Secretary Florante Sonquez.

"Building bridges is an important means of supporting the administration's poverty alleviation program," Sonquez was quoted as saying in a press statement.

He said the DPWH bridge pro-

jects also complements President Macapagal-Arroyo's program to improve agriculture by providing access to products and markets.

The Ma-anay-Tuliao bridge will link the municipalities of Sta. Barbara, Mangaldan and Mapandan in Pangasinan.

The Dipolo Gamay bridge will improve transportation in Pagsanjan City, Zamboanga del Sur, Misamis Oriental and Zamboanga del Norte, according to the DPWH statement.

It added that the Bunawan bridge in Agusan del Sur is near completion.

The bridge, Soriquez said, was designed to withstand floods and ease the transport of agricultural products.

INQUIRER Southern Luzon

Meet Mr. 'Nice Prisoner Around'

By Marlon Ramos and Madonna Virola

FOR 10 days, Jose Cesar Serrano, together with several human rights activists, searched for his brother Eduardo, an alleged communist leader in Mindoro, who had been reported missing after he was presented by military officials to the media at Fort Bonifacio on May 3.

Police and Army intelligence men arrested Eduardo "Eddik" Serrano, along with two women, in Lipa City on May 2.

"We couldn't find him in any military camp or jail in Manila and nearby provinces. We sought the help of the media but nothing happened. We feared that he was already killed," Jose Cesar narrated.

On May 12, Jose Cesar learned that his brother was jailed in Calapan City. His group immediately left for Oriental Mindoro. A few hours after reaching the city, he was reunited with Kuya Eddik, the eldest in their brood of 13, at the provincial jail.

The relief was short-lived, however. Jose Cesar found that his brother was charged with rebellion, murder and frustrated murder, with no bail recommended.

As soon as they left the jail, Jose Cesar resolved to do everything to get his brother out.

Jail life

Eddik, 51, now on his fifth month of captivity, would not be subdued. In a letter dated Sept. 1, he related not only his ordeal but his ways of coping with the situation as well.

"In a few days, I befriended a lot of inmates and jail guards," he said. Fellow Bicolanos in jail helped him adjust to his new life.

He said he prepared himself to be fit psychologically and physically. He regularly reads newspapers, magazines and books.

He gives acupuncture treatment to inmates and their friends and relatives, as well as the guards and warden. He has proposed the setting up of a health unit composed of volunteer in-

mates who will be trained by nurses and doctors.

"The image of a murderer which the military wants to portray of me would soon be proven false. Instead, people here may be looking for the 'nice prisoner around,'" he said.

Eddik devotes at least an hour daily for early morning exercises. Tai-chi sessions are held on weekends by a volunteer from the National Bureau of Investigation.

He avoids vices and unhealthy food, and aspires to be fit for another 10-20 years.

He has proposed several livelihood projects for the inmates and residents of Calapan, relying on his training in agriculture, especially animal science.

"I have also initiated the formation of a paralegal team that will assist inmates on their cases, especially those coming from the basic masses and could not afford a lawyer," Eddik said. The team will translate documents read in court in Tagalog for greater understanding, he added.

Arrest

Eddik is allowed to watch local and world events on cable TV.

"In case I don't come out of this alive, I make it a point that I always serve the people to the best of my abilities," he said.

Eddik said he left the mountains of Mindoro in April to meet with leaders of the National Democratic Front to discuss details in the operation of the Joint Monitoring Committee in accordance with the Comprehensive Agreement for the Respect of Human Rights and International Hu-



EDUARDO Serrano who, according to the military, is communist leader Rogelio Villanueva

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manitarian Law.

The agenda also included human rights violations documented in Mindoro since April 2001, which had been attributed to the presence of more than nine Army battalions and special units on the island.

During his trip back to Mindoro, Eddik and two women, identified by the military as New People's Army members, were arrested.

The NDF panel in the peace negotiations, through Fidel Agcaoili, informed the government panel of Serrano's arrest and demanded his immediate release, saying he was covered by the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees.

The military failed to present him until his brother's group found him in jail on May 13.

Political detainee'

In Eddik's case, the government breached its commitment to the peace talks with the NDF, said Bayan Muna Rep. Joel Vinador during a forum at the University of the Philippines Los Baños in Laguna on Sept. 11.

The peace process with the communists may be fruitless again as the government contin-

ues to "criminalize" political offenses, Vinador said. This is an outright violation of human rights, he said.

Marie Hilao-Enriquez, national chair of the human rights group Karapatan, said Serrano, as the recognized NDF leader in Mindoro, should be considered a political dissident and not an ordinary criminal.

"The cases filed against him are political in nature. As such, all criminal charges against him and other political prisoners should be dropped and incorporated in the charge of rebellion," she said.

Enriquez also noted that the subject of the arrest warrants, as admitted by Serrano's arresting officers, was a certain Rogelio Villanueva, which made it "very clear that his seizure alone was illegal."

Immunity from arrest

She argued that as an NDF leader, Eddik had immunity from arrest as stipulated under the Jasig, which was agreed upon by the NDF and government panels during the first round of peace talks in February.

Serrano and his group traveled to Manila to confer with NDF chief negotiator Fidel Agcaoili on the alleged rising military atrocities in Mindoro, according to Enriquez. The subject was one of the topics in the next round of the talks.

"This is a clear case of violation of the Jasig. Serrano went out of his area to participate in the peace process. Otherwise, he would not be caught," she claimed.

In a letter to the NDF chief government negotiator Silvestre Belo III denied that the government violated the Jasig. He said the agreement covered only "security guarantees" and not immunity from the legal process of the

As such, he said, the Jasig did not include guarantees from arrest warrants.

Belo further said the NDF failed to notify the government panel that they had consulted with Serrano in line with the peace talks.

Criminal offender

Despite testimonies from Eddik's relatives and friends, military and police officials in Mindoro stood by their statement that "Eduardo Serrano" was just the nom de guerre of Villanueva, the alleged highest-ranking Communist Party leader in the province.

He is no political dissident but a common criminal, according to Chief Supt. Alejandro Lapinid, director of the Mimaropa (Mindoro-Marinduque-Romblon-Palawan) Police Office.

Lapinid said Villanueva was arrested along with Josephine Joy Mendoza and Rizza Messana.

"The militants are saying that Villanueva is not Eduardo Serrano so he could get away with all his criminal liabilities. But our evidence shows that he is really Villanueva. Anyway, they will have a chance to present their evidence in the proper court," he said.

Senior Supt. Victorino Caragan, Mimaropa police director for operations, admitted that they have yet to do a background check on Villanueva's "real identity."

"All we have are records of his activities as head of the CPP-NDF-NPA in Mindoro. As far as we're concerned, he is really Rogelio Villanueva," Caragan said.

Lapinid said Villanueva was arrested by virtue of three warrants issued by Roxas, Oriental Mindoro Judge Vicente Leido and Judges Mario dela Cruz and Eligio Arboleda of Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro, for rebellion, murder and frustrated murder, respectively.

Caragan said they had also filed cases against Villanueva as Eduardo Serrano for various criminal offenses, including

kidnap-for-ransom.

Police and military intelligence men further identified Villanueva as a regular member of the Southern Tagalog Regional Party Committee, code-named Ka Makiling and Ka Bucag.

No 'political detainee'

Lapinid laughed off Karapatan's contention that Villanueva should be considered a political detainee. He said Villanueva and those arrested for ambuscades of government troops were no different from common criminals. He then countered Enriquez's statement that there are political prisoners in the country.

He said it was just natural for the police and military to arrest individuals who are supposedly breaking the law.

"We are enforcing the rule of law. Serrano and his likes are being incarcerated not because they have different political beliefs but because they committed violations of our laws," Lapinid said.

He cited an incident when NPA rebels ambushed newly trained police officers in Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro, a few months back. Four policemen and a civilian driver were killed.

"What is so political about killing police personnel and innocent civilians?" he asked.

Lapinid said the communist leadership was agog over freeing Villanueva because he was a great loss to local communists.

"The NPA in Mindoro is now crippled because they don't have a leader," he said. Lapinid also insisted that they are religiously following the CARHUHL in their gun battles with the NPA. He said members of the Munaropa had been attending lectures about the agreement.

Serrano appeals for a stop to the "criminalization" of political offenses. "Free the political detainees in the spirit of the ongoing peace talks between the GRP and NDFP," he said.

Bicolano war hero finally given full military honors

THE BICOLANOS had been commemorating the bravery of Gen. Simeon A. Ola for the past 101 years, but it was only on Sept. 25 that President Macapagal-Arroyo gave full military honors to the last Filipino revolutionary general to surrender to the Americans during his re-interment at the Ola Park in Guinobatan, Albay.

Ms Arroyo marched with local executives and Ola's descendants from the Our Lady of Assumption Church to the Ola Park, and stayed under the sun for about 10 minutes until the hero's remains were placed in a narra box inside the monument.

The re-interment ceremony was also attended by provincial and municipal executives, high-ranking military and police officers, priests, students and thousands of Bicolanos.

Ola, a native of Guinobatan, is recognized as the last Bicolano general to surrender to American forces on Sept. 25, 1903, one year and five months after Gen. Miguel Malvar yielded.

He also became the first mayor of Guinobatan, serving for two consecutive terms.

Exhumed

Before the re-interment, Ola's remains were exhumed from the town's public cemetery and brought to the regional police headquarters at Camp Gen. Simeon Ola in Legazpi City (the camp

was named after him in June 1991), and then to the provincial capitol for public viewing and vigil. The municipal government spent at least P250,000 for the renovation of Ola Park at the heart of Guinobatan.

Mayor Juan Garcia said Ola contributed immensely to the attainment of independence from the Spanish and US colonial forces.

With the recognition and honors given by Ms Arroyo, the Filipinos will revere Ola as one of the country's greatest heroes that they should remember and be proud of.

Bishop Lucio Quimabao of the Diocese of Legazpi said in his homily that the love of Ola for the Filipinos was worthy because the long-awaited freedom was attained.

Ola Day

Garcia said he would ask the President to declare and celebrate Sept. 2 (birth date of Ola) instead of Sept. 25 (the day of his surrender) as a non-working holiday in Albay.

He said he also planned to put up a mausoleum where Ola's sword, tamburi or budyong (horn) with engravings of the Katipunan triangular emblem and the Filipino flag, uniform and other personal belongings would be displayed for public viewing.

Ola's granddaughter, Hameedah Erlinda Ola Kasan, said with teary eyes that the unexpected ceremony of full military honors was a dream come true and made her family and the Bicolanos proud. Michael B. Jaucian



PRESIDENT Arroyo cites the heroism of Gen. Simeon Ola. With her are, from left, Albay Gov. Fernando Gonzalez, Guinobatan Mayor Juan Garcia, Ola's descendant Hameedah Erlinda Ola-Kasan, Legazpi City Mayor Erlinda Gonzalez and Southern Luzon Command head Lt. Gen. Alfonso Dagdag.

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Oil price hike can justify pay raise, says labor exec

By Martin Marill

THE SOARING oil prices can be used to justify a second increase in the minimum wages in one year, acting Labor Secretary Manuel Imson yesterday said.

World oil prices rose to a record \$50.47 per barrel yesterday and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas projected a 6.8-percent inflation rate for September.

Imson said the wage increase

would have to be tackled by the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Boards where groups can file petitions for wage adjustments.

"Under the law, the wage boards can't grant successive wage increases in one year but there is also a provision that when there is a supervening condition, wage adjustments could be made," Imson said.

He was referring to Rule IV, Sec-

tion 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedures on Minimum Wage Fixing, which states that any wage order issued by the board may not be disturbed in 12 months from its effectiveness and no petition for wage increase shall be entertained in the same period.

Justification

However, the rule also states that in case of supervening conditions such as an extraordinary increase in

the prices of petroleum products and basic goods and services, the board can exercise its wage fixing function during the period.

The Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP) earlier said that a 5-percent inflation rate could be interpreted as a supervening or extraordinary condition and used as a justification for a wage increase.

In July, most of the regional wage boards issued wage orders

after labor groups filed their petitions because of increases in oil prices and transportation fares early this year.

Imson said the wage board decisions would be based not only on the capacity of employers to pay but also on the need to preserve jobs.

Capacity to pay

"We look at the capacity of employers to pay, determining what

is affordable so as not to cause displacement like non-wage benefits for job preservation," he said.

The TUCP warned employers against using the oil price increases as an excuse for laying off workers.

"If they take advantage of the situation and lay off workers, we will file the necessary cases," TUCP spokesperson Alex Aguilar said.

Diesel price seen to soar till December

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for the ninth straight week.

Oil now costs around 75 percent more than it did a year ago but, when adjusted for inflation, still remains around \$30 below the level reached in 1981.

Opec's efforts to bring prices down to more moderate levels have failed, but giant producer Saudi Arabia said Tuesday it would boost production capacity by 15 percent to try to stabilize the market.

Growing demand

Delcalle traced the surging diesel price to supply constraints and growing demand.

Although oil producers have raised their output, the refining capacity is not enough for diesel, especially in the US where refineries in Texas and Louisiana have been forced to shut down due to the recent hurricanes.

Aside from the drastic drop in US diesel supply, Delcalle cited the robust demand for diesel in China, which has become a net importer of diesel this year after having been a net exporter in the past.

More than two million cars were sold in China last year from only 500,000 in 2002.

Making matters worse is the onset of winter. Diesel stocks are expected to tighten in the US and Europe as consumers buy more for their heating requirements.

Conservation

Malacañang, however, could only come up with medium- to long-term solutions to alleviate the impact of rising fuel prices.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the government was counting on intensified fuel conservation efforts, the importation of CNG (compressed natural gas) buses (200 in early next year) and the aggressive promotion of ethanol as fuel alternative to reduce the country's dependence on oil imports.

"We cannot control world factors, we are only discussing alternative sources," Bunye said.

He declined to comment on whether President Macapagal-Arroyo would reject any moves by the public transport groups to seek a fare hike.

The DOE has ruled out a subsidy program similar to that adopted by the Thai government, which has kept its diesel price at P19.83 per liter. Diesel is retailed at P21.52 per liter in the Philippines.

Because the subsidy program has already cost the Thai government \$541 million, it has scheduled to remove the subsidy by October next year, according to Delcalle. With report from AP

Cruz said the cases of the enlisted personnel who joined the mutiny would take priority over the cases of the leaders. He said sanctions ranging from a reprimand to a demotion would be imposed on the soldiers based on an evaluation of their cases.

"That is why there is a process," the defense secretary said. "The court-martial will look into the evidence, the extent of participation, the rules which will be applied. There will be a lot [of



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Miss International contestants from 61 countries, including Miss Philippines Margaret Ann Bayot, take part in goodwill programs in the ancient Japanese capital of Kamakura southwest of Tokyo before the beauty pageant's finals is held on Oct. 16.

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Palace: GSIS chief won't go on leave

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yer to issue a reaction.

He said Ms Arroyo would let the public know if Garcia had fully explained himself to the public.

But while the President appeared to have left Garcia to fend off his critics, Bunye said she "also realizes that there is a possibility that there are vested interests involved."

No experience

Osmeña said that as early as 2001, he had objected to Garcia's appointment as head of the GSIS and even called on the latter to step down.

He said the new GSIS charter approved in 1997 stipulated that the GSIS president and general manager should have a 10-year experience in banking or in insurance, which Garcia did not have.

Garcia is a lawyer in Cebu and never had any experience in the banking or insurance industry, much less the required 10 years, Osmeña pointed out.

He said Garcia was appointed to the post for "political reasons."

Asked whether he was urging Garcia to resign, the senator said Garcia would not take his advice. But he said he was willing to bet his bottom peso that "if we take a good look at the finances of GSIS, [we will see that its] performance has not been that hot."

He also said he would look at GSIS finances one of these days.

Transfer of deposits

Garcia has transferred GSIS deposits from the government-owned Land Bank of the Philip-

pines, the country's third biggest commercial bank, to Union Bank, ranked 16th among the largest banks.

This was announced in a press conference yesterday by Deputy House Minority Leader Rojet Suplico (LDP-Dole), Anakpawis Rep. Crispin Beltran, the Kapisanan ng mga Manggagawa sa GSIS led by lawyer Albert Velasco, and Ferdinand Gaito, president of Courage, a confederation of government employees.

Beltran has also filed a graft case against Garcia for awarding the flagship GSIS eCard project to Union Bank over the Bank of the Philippines Islands (ranked second), Landbank (third), Philippine National Bank (sixth), and Development Bank of the Philippines (eighth).

The eCard is a combined ID and ATM card through which all GSIS benefits such as loans and retirement claims shall be paid.

The GSIS has announced that the transfer of servicing from the Landbank to Union Bank will be completed by Sept. 30.

Aboitiz group

"We cannot find a plausible reason why Winston Garcia should push at all costs for the adoption of the eCard project and award it to Union Bank, except [for the fact that] Union Bank is controlled by the Aboitiz Group, which allegedly has business links with Garcia," Gaito said.

Suplico asked why Garcia preferred Union Bank over the Land-

bank when the GSIS, being a government-owned and -controlled corporation, should tap government banks to handle its banking needs.

"This certainly goes against common sense and undermines the President's drive to stem the fiscal crisis plaguing her strong republic," Suplico said.

The Landbank had been servicing GSIS banking requirements since the early 1990s.

In a press statement, Landbank president and chief executive officer Gary Teves said that the bank considered the GSIS a valued client and that contrary to reports, it did not send a letter threatening to terminate its services.

Maintaining balance

In an earlier press briefing, Garcia said the reason for the decision of the GSIS to transfer its deposits to Union Bank was the high maintaining balance required by the Landbank.

Garcia said that of the estimated P7 or 8 billion of GSIS deposits in the Landbank, P1 billion would be moved to Union Bank and the remainder invested in more savings, long-term loans and government securities.

"Landbank was already requiring us a maintaining balance of P7 billion. That is just too much for the GSIS," Garcia had said.

He said Union Bank was agreeable to a maintaining balance of P1 billion for the GSIS. With reports from Michelle V. Remo and Cynthia D. Batana

Amnesty for Oakwood mutineers under study by Palace

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apartments in Makati City in July

2003 questioned before the Supreme Court the jurisdiction of the court-martial over the cases of their clients.

Priority

Two days later, the AFP filed its opposition to the petition of the soldiers' lawyers.

But the high court ordered a stop to the court-martial proceedings.

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"That is why there is a process," the defense secretary said. "The court-martial will look into the evidence, the extent of participation, the rules which will be applied. There will be a lot [of

soldiers] who will be reinstated and given sanctions. The sanctions will be based on the rules."

He stressed that the court-martial proceedings would continue "because according to the rules and the law, there is a process to follow. You cannot have a decision without following the process. The process must be followed."

Cruz also said he had instructed Gen. Narciso Abaya, AFP chief of staff, to negotiate with the soldiers' lawyers not to use their right to

"peremptory challenge" anymore so as not to delay the court-martial proceedings.

"If we can do it in several months, I would prefer that," he said.

Apology accepted

In a press conference at Camp Aguinaldo on Sept. 24, six officers—Army Captains Gerardo Gamba and Milo Maestrecampo, Marine Captains Nicomedes Adaza, Faeldon and Gary Alejano and Navy Lieutenant James Layug

and Antonio Trillanes IV—apologized to Ms Arroyo for launching the mutiny.

The President accepted the apology but said the cases against the mutineers would continue.

Lawyers of the soldiers subsequently announced that they were never informed of the group's decision to issue an apology. At least one, Homobono Adaza, has formally withdrawn as counsel of the officers.

All the mutineers are facing a court-martial—the 259 soldiers

present at Oakwood at the time of the mutiny for five violations of the Articles of War, and another 16 who were not in the building, for failure to suppress the mutiny.

Thirty-one soldiers, including the six who apologized to Ms Arroyo, are facing coup d'état charges before a Makati court and other offenses before a military tribunal.

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Caloocan jeep, trike drivers fight over turf

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

A RUNNING war between jeepney and tricycle drivers in Caloocan City over turf left hundreds of commuters stranded yesterday morning after jeepney routes from Gasak/Navotas to Recto (Manila) were abandoned by its drivers.

Tricycle organizations had blocked roads used by the jeepneys, in some instances, stones were thrown at some of the drivers.

With tricycles on 6th Avenue blocking the road, the jeepneys instead used the 4th Avenue route, only to be blocked by tricycle drivers.

Threatened, many jeepney drivers stopped plying their routes.

Late afternoon, the city police and the city Tricycle and Pedicab Regulation Services department temporarily resolved the issue, and jeepney drivers went back to their routes.

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But because the local government had recently turned 5th Avenue into a one way road, jeepney drivers from Rizal Avenue going to C3 Road began using the 6th Avenue instead.

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Masbate mayor, father arrested by NBI in Las Piñas

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE MAYOR of Placer town in Masbate and his father were arrested by National Bureau of Investigation agents in Las Piñas City yesterday on the strength of a warrant issued against the pair for a murder case involving the death of a school supervisor in their town.

Reinario Estornilo, 37, and his father Carlos, 67, a former Placer mayor, were arrested by agents of the NBI's Security Management Division (NBI-SMD) in a home on Dollar Lane Street, Villanueva Subdivision in Las Piñas City early yesterday morning.

The NBI-SMD learned of the Estornilos' whereabouts from an informant, and had placed them under surveillance, said NBI Deputy Director Nestor Mantaring.

Father and son were implicated in the killing of Floro Casas, the public schools district supervisor of Placer, on April 5, 2004.

Casas was shot dead in front of the Celera Elementary School in Villa Inocencio, Placer.

The local police in the area had conducted an investigation and named the Estornilos and seven others, as suspects.

Reinario and Carlos both denied involvement in the killing.

Denial

Carlos said that Casas had been a very close friend of his, so it would have been impossible for him to kill Casas.

Reinario said the killing could be politically motivated, adding that their enemies could have had a hand in linking them to the murderer.



CARLOS and Reinario Estornilo ERICK ANAYAS

"When I won in the elections, that was when I was implicated in the incident," he added.

The young Estornilo said he was on his way to a town fiesta at the time the killing took place.

Carlos, on the other hand, told reporters that he and his son came to Metro Manila early this month for the purpose of filing a petition for review of their case before the justice department.

The Estornilos said they had wanted to surrender to Philippine National Police chief Director General Edgar Aglipay because they had read that the police have been told to hunt them down.

Carlos said they were just waiting for their lawyer to file the petition before their surrender, but the NBI arrested them yesterday.

TMG sets recovery target of 5 stolen vehicles monthly

By Christian V. Esquivel

ALARMED by the rising number of car theft cases nationwide, Philippine National Police chief Director General Edgar Aglipay yesterday raised the bar on the number of stolen vehicles the Traffic Management Group was required to recover.

All TMG personnel nationwide now have to recover at least five "hot" cars monthly, according to Chief Supt. Danilo Mangila, TMG director.

Instructions to dismantle at least five car theft syndicates during the same period were

also relayed to the men in the field, the director added.

Aglipay said that failure to comply with the new directive could cost a TMG officer his post.

The PNP chief said the move was aimed at tightening up the work of the police traffic unit amid the worsening problem of car theft nationwide.

Mangila said around five vehicles are stolen daily all over the country.

Most of the car thefts happen in Metro Manila, with the cities of Quezon, Makati and Manila remaining the most dangerous places for car owners, he said.

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UAAP showdown up

By Junmar W. Pago

FOCUS and determination.

The team that has more of these will end up in champion when the Far Eastern Tamaraws and the De La Salle Archers clash in a playoff for the UAAP varsity basketball title at the Araneta Coliseum.

Game 3 of the best-of-three crown showdown is at 4 p.m. right after the Ateneo Lady Falcons kick off their title defense against the Ateneo Lady Eagles in Game 1 of the Women's Finals at 2 o'clock.

FEU's Arwind Santos and La Salle's Marc

(AMES) TODAY: Araneta Coliseum
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Carmona will help decide the encounter.

Santos, the season's Most Valuable Player, vowed to lead the Tamaraws to their second straight title today.

"I'll give everything, even if I don't score, as long as I can help the team. We have a championship to defend," said the 6-foot-4 forward.

But Carmona is just as intent in giving the crown back to the Archers.

"We can still bounce back. I'm confident with my teammates and my coach. The pressure is now on FEU because they know it's hard to beat La Salle twice," said the senior swingman, who lost the MVP to Santos but easily made it to the All-Philippines Five.

Just like their main men, FEU senior Keyon Bernal and La Salle coach Franz Paras are similarly pumped up.

"Everything that we have worked hard for will come out in this game. I think the team

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Senador,
Gonzales
to Chess
Olympiad

TAGAYTAY City—National Master Emmanuel Senador and International Master Jayson Gonzales picked up 1.5 points in the last two rounds of the National Chess Championship yesterday and completed the Philippine team for the Chess Olympiad next month in Spain.

Senador finished second with 12 points behind eventual winner and early Olympiad qualifier NM Darwin Laylo, and Gonzales clinched third place with 11.5 points thanks to a monumental upset 10-year-old Wesley So inflicted on veteran IM Chito Garcia.

So, surging a fever heading into the match at the Tagaytay International Convention Center here, won in 36 moves of a French Defense and pushed Garcia into a three-way tie for fourth with 11 points along with IM Perito Rocas and NM Oliver Barbosa.

The youngest ever finalist in the event sponsored this year by Tagaytay City Mayor Abramian "Bambo" Telesino and the First Gentleman Foundation finished with 7 points.

"Masaya na po ako sa ipinakita ko rito. Kahit kundi ko po makita ang target ko na Top 10 finish, napapuyoyan ka naman na kaya ka nang lumabas sa magagaling na rating players (I'm happy with my showing. Even if I did not finish in the Top 10, I've proven myself against the good players)," said So, whose victims included top seed and reigning Asian 3.5x3.5 Zonal champion IM Renato Deolos and Garcia.

Gonzales, who will be in his first Olympiad, beat NM Leonardo Carlos in the final round to take a half-point lead over Garcia with his match against So still ongoing.

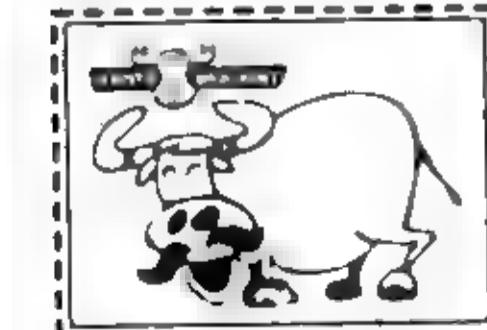
"I always thought that he is the senior of the sport here. Ang hirit ko sila silya rin ang magagaling senior ko pero makakita sa Olympiad (It turned out he is my senior in my Olympiad bid)," added Gonzales, member of the multiclient Philippine Army Chess Team.

Earlier seeded to the RP team were Grandmasters Eugene Torre, Joey Antonio and Marc Paragata.

Laylo, who clinched his second IM norm as early as the 15th round, secured the title with 12.5 points after halving the point with Senador in 16 moves of an English Opening.

WPM Shearie Joy Lomibao secured the title in the women's division after drawing with WFM Beverly Mendoza in 15 moves of an English Opening. WFM Aces Salvador placed second after the ailing Mary Grace Castro didn't show up. Lomibao's Caison beat WFM Cristina Rose Mardia, 1.5-5, in a two-game rapid playoff for the last slot.

Mariel Bernardino, contributor



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Probe PBA officials on Fil-fors

By Philip C. Tabata

JUSTICE Secretary Raul Gonzalez yesterday ordered the investigation of Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) officials, who might have helped eight Fil-foreigners now facing deportation for faking their citizenship papers.

In a memorandum issued yesterday, Gonzalez ordered Chief State Counsel Ricardo Paras to investigate the PBA officials and other persons involved in the alleged scam, adding that it "was obvious" that public documents were "tampered."

"You are hereby directed to pursue, on the premise that we find that the mentioned PBA players are indeed 'bogus' Filipino Americans, and include in your investigation any official of the PBA or officials, owners, managers of the teams where these players play," Gonzalez said.

He also ordered Paras to include "any other person or persons who facilitated or conspired in the preparation and submission of spurious evidence of citizenship of

players to enable them to play in the PBA."

"It is obvious that public documents were tampered with and/or falsified, which will constitute fraud and falsification of official records," he added.

PBA commissioner Noli Eala said the league welcomes the investigation.

"I think the PBA has always been transparent with the government and we will cooperate with them in any way to speed up the investigation," said Eala.

"We're willing to undergo what is legally necessary and we will follow everything in accordance with the law," he added.

Gonzalez on Tuesday said that the DOJ would resolve the citizenship of the eight basketball players in 10 days time.

Besides Talk 'N Text's Asi Taulava, the other players whose citizenship were being investigated were Rudy Hartfield of Coca-Cola, Andy Seigle now with Barangay Ginebra from Purefoods, Red Bull Barako's Davona Harrp and Mick Pezzati, Ginebra's Alex Crisostomo, Jonathan Ordonio now with Red Bull from Alaska and Donan Peña of San Miguel Beer.

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TOMMY MANOTOC, Team Philippines' top gun

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Manotoc, RP srs lead

TOMMY Manotoc shot a second-round four-under-par 68 yesterday to anchor the Philippines to a three-shot lead over favored Australia in the Asia-Pacific Amateur senior team championship at the Raffles Country Club in Singapore.

The 55-year-old mainstay of Canlubang in the PAL Interclub also led the individual race by a stroke over Rodney Barlow with

his 143 total counting his opening round 75.

The Philippines has a 598 total after Iggy Clavell scored a 71, Bung Bumti a 72 and Caloy Coscoquella a 77.

Ruchie Garcia's 79 did not count in the six-to-play, four-to-count format. Francis Gaston, the sixth member of the team, failed to make the trip because of an injury.

Masong R. Castillo

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Canlubang aces ahead

LIPA, Batangas—Ronnie Torrecampo and Boyet Zaragoza both had eagles in their contrasting rounds of one-under-par 71 and even-par 72, respectively, Tuesday that put them jointly on top after the second round of the Samsung Amateur Tour eliminations at the Mt. Malarayat Golf and Country Club in Lipa, Batangas.

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New PBA ready to fly

By June Navarro

THE PHILIPPINE Basketball Association opens its 30th season this Sunday at the Araneta Coliseum with officials looking forward to a new and memorable chapter in its status as Asia's first play-for-pay league.

"Thirty years is a long journey to keep the tradition going but it is also a time when things must suddenly change for the league to adapt with the present times," said PBA Commissioner Noli Eala yesterday.

The PBA will test its new format, a

two-conference, October-June schedule, after dumping the traditional three-conference calendar from February to December.

As promised, the league will hold out-of-town games in 20 cities in the Gran Matador One Philippines Cup alone.

"We want to visit missionary areas where the PBA has never been to. We hope to share the excitement of the PBA to the people," said PBA Chair Buddy Encarnado.

More importantly, the tournament will be part of a long-drawn process to select national team players for the ABC championships, the qualifying tournament for the World Championships and

the Olympics.

Talk 'N Text and San Miguel Beer will launch the AFC when they battle in the 6 p.m. opener after an extravagant opening ceremony at the Big Dome.

The Beermen and the Phone Pals will also be the first to use the new ball—the Fiba-approved Molten GL7—which makes its basketball debut in the PBA. The ball is supposed to hit the market and other international arenas next

American Idol finalist Jasmine Trias was supposed to stand as the muse of Talk 'N Text, but begged off at the last minute due to a change of schedule in her Singapore commitment.

I SQUIRREL La Salle to win today. But if Far Eastern University prevails, I won't be surprised.

Such is the situation in today's Game 3 of the best-of-three UAAP Finals that only a fool will say one team has the clear edge over the other.

In a no-more-tomorrow clash, everything evens up.

Statistics? They matter not anymore.

One has a deeper bench over the other? Baloney.

Maybe, if you tell me coach Franz Pamaren of La Salle has more experience than Koy Banal of Far Eastern University, I might agree.

But will experience be the final gauge in today's expected classic clash?

Pamaren has four UAAP titles to Banal's one.

Pamaren was in six of the last seven UAAP Finals.

Banal was in two of the last three UAAP Finals, including this year. Banal won the

crown last year, beating his elder brother, Joel, in a stunning upset that dethroned the Ateneo Blue Eagles.

It didn't surprise me one bit when La Salle sparked FEU in Game 1, 58-51. La Salle's running game, backed up by a suffocating defense, was a carryover from the Archers' tactical maneuver that ousted the Eagles in the Final Four encounters.

But when the Tamaraws got back at the Archers in Game 2 in rip-roaring fashion, 67-57, I said, hey, what's happening here? How come FEU was able to give La Salle its own dose of medicine? Kill the enemy with the same blitzkrieg that the Archers employed in succession against the Eagles and Tamaraws?

With that win on Sunday, I had to raise a glass to Koy Banal. He, sure, knows how to devise a counter-attack à la General Patton. I'm beginning to think that, yes, the championship could be now deduced to a coaching clash: The better coach will win it.

Well, let's take a look at the players in

SPECTATOR



Al S. Mendoza

their first two games.

MacMac Cardona, despite losing the MVP crown a second time, didn't sulk and went on to score a game-high 18 points in Game 2 on Sunday in a big followup to his 15 points in Game 1.

But while Cardona, edged out for the MVP honors by FEU's Arwind Santos, was super hot in Game 2, his 11 teammates fielded in were terribly cold as Siberian wind in winter. Cardona was the only double-digit performer in Game 2, a far cry from the Game 1 results where his teammates Arana and Yeo had scored 16 and 10, respectively. Arana was limited to only 4

points in Game 2 and Yeo managed only 8.

In contrast, FEU had three or more players scoring in double figures in both Games 1 and 2. Santos had 14, and Rizada and Miranda had 10 apiece in Game 1. In Game 2, Rizada had 13, Chan 11, and Santos and Miranda 10 each.

In short, while La Salle leaned mostly on Cardona for the big points, FEU was dishing out a well-balanced assault from its gunners in both contests. That means FEU is more consistent with its firepower than La Salle.

What surprised me was the complete reversal of roles happening in Game 2.

In Game 1, La Salle prevailed by capturing the first three quarters 24-10, 39-26, 53-38. La Salle coasted along in the fourth quarter, scoring only 5 to FEU's 13 for the final 58-51 count.

In Game 2, it was a complete reverse. FEU even played better, winning all four quarters 18-14, 42-32, 50-48, 67-57. The Tamaraws even poured on the heat in the final quarter, 17 points to La

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1 day to go!

People, Events & Products

Managing environmental risks in bank lending

A CONFERENCE to discuss the managing of environmental risks involved in bank lending will be held on Oct. 21 at the Dusit Hotel in Makati City. The conference cum seminar-workshop entitled, "Greening the Financial Sector" will be held under the joint auspices of the Asia-Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production (APRSCP), the Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFI-AP), the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Chamber of Thrift Banks (CTB) and the Bank Marketing Association of the Philippines (BMAP). Topics include environmental due diligence and management in lending, environmental criteria for asset management, environmental performance indicators, and other related subjects. Conference fee is P2,500 which includes conference materials, snacks and lunch at the Dusit Hotel. For inquiries and reservations contact Sandy Lim of ADFI-AP at 844-2424 and 844-9090 or Milzi Bustamante at 920-0074.

Serendra open house

MORE choices for discerning homebuyers are likely to set Serendra sales on the upswing again as it launches its new sections on Oct. 2 and 3 at a grand two-day Open House at the Serendra Pavilion, 26th Street Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila. Serendra, Ayala Land Inc. (ALI)'s unique residential community comprised of clusters of low to mid-rise condominium sections, opens its newest phase in District 1 boasting of bigger units to cater to growing families while allowing them to enjoy its beautiful gardens, with over 85 percent of the units having views of the sprawling greenery. Serendra is the newest residential development of Ayala Land Inc. (ALI) and Community Innovations Inc. (CII) at the Bonifacio Global City. For inquiries, call 848-500 or email serendra@ayala.com.ph.

Circulain Banigs promo

CIRCULAIN 4-in-1 Dietary Herbal Supplement together with Magandang Jmag Bayan, will launch a rewarding nationwide campaign for its loyal patrons. Consumers are encouraged to keep and collect their Circulain blister packs or "banig" and wait for the formal announcement of the complete promo details over MUS on Oct. 1

Panaf's diploma program

THE PHILIPPINE Association of National Advertisers Foundation (Panaf) offers the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma Program in Marketing Communications Management, in partnership with De La Salle - College of St. Benilde (DLS-CSB). The certificate courses are: Market Research and Planning, Sept. 18 to Oct. 23; Brand Equity, Nov. 6 to Dec. 11; PR and Advocacy Marketing, Jan. 29 to March 5, 2005; Customer Relationship and Marketing, March 19 to April 23, 2005; Dynamics of Marketing Services, May 6 to June 11, 2005; Integrated Marketing Communications. (Participants must take 3 other courses before taking this course) June 25 to July 30; Course fee is P8,500 for Panaf members and P9,000 for non-members. The courses are held every Saturday from 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the International Conference Center of DLS-CSB, Taft Avenue, Manila. For inquiries, contact Mel-Ann at (02) 523-8888 loc. 341 or Lani Vinas at (02) 894-0475, 894-0012.

Dream Cruise Raffle

ABANG Hills Village is holding a "Dream Cruise Raffle" for its community and beautification projects with spectacular prizes at stake. The grand prize is a round trip airfare ticket for 2 to Singapore before you board the Star Cruise luxury ship "Victory" for a 4-5 day inclusive "Star Cruises" holiday. The 2nd prize is a 4D/3N package holiday for two persons to the enchanted island paradise of Bali, inclusive of airfare and accommodations. 3rd prize is a trip to El Nido resort in Palawan, also for two persons inclusive of airfare and accommodations. There will be a total of ten big prizes raffled to all ticket holders on the awards night, Nov. 6, at the clubhouse. The tickets are priced at P1,000 each and one can avail of a 10 percent discount if paid for by Sept. 30. All ticket holders will also be given free booth space at the Oct. 16 "Tangge-Saku-Salo sa Park" pre Christmas bazaar. For reservations call the Ahva clubhouse at 850-8254.

Build an Amazing Future*

SUN Life Financial Plans Inc. in cooperation with Nestle Philippines offer the "Build an Amazing Future" raffle promo. By purchasing specially marked Nestle products from any Rustan's Supermarket, shoppers have the chance to win fabulous prizes for their children. The grand prize is a Sun Life Education Plan with total education benefits amounting to close to a million pesos. First prize is another Sun Life Education plan with benefits of nearly half a million pesos.

so. Other prizes include: personal computers, VTEC educational toys and gift cheques from Rustan's Supermarket. Promo runs until Oct. 15.

BPI-Western appliance exhibit

VISIT BPI-Western appliance exhibit at entertainment center, basement level, Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall. Experience the real zero-interest installment plan from 3 to 12 months. Choose from their widest selection of the latest in electronics and household appliance available at the most comfortable terms. Until Oct. 5 only.



"Mano Po, ICA": Homecoming

"MANO PO, ICA", a grand silver jubilee celebration of the Immaculate Conception Academy (Greenhills) class '79 will be held on Nov. 20. Come in your best casual chic outfit and get the chance to be chosen Homecoming Queen. Win exciting raffle prizes including P200,000 cash and a Singapore/Cebu trip package plus many more. Tickets are priced at P500 and will be available at the ICA Alumnae Office starting Oct. 1. Call tel. no. 721-2687 and look for Joy or Ria. Registration starts at 3 p.m. Venue will be the Delta Tetrault Aerts and Sports Center at ICA Greenhills. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the ICA Scholarship Fund.

GTF presents Pepe en Pilar

GTF in cooperation with the National Parks Development Committee (NPDC) takes a peek in the pastel colored world as seen by kids, as it presents Pepe en Pilar, a magical adventure of these small wonders set in an abandoned garage. Performances are slated on Oct. 1 to 3, Nov. 19 to 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saint Cecilia's Hall of the Saint Scholastica's College, Oct. 8 to 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., AFP Theater, Quezon City. For tickets and sponsorships, call 894-5745 and 896-3503, the GTF Marketing Office.

Marikina Foods joins expo

MARIKINA Foods, joins the 8th Culinary Kitchen and Food Expo at the Galleria Activity Center from Oct. 1 to 4. Their booths #21 and #22 offer free tasting and retailing at factory prices, and will launch its latest product - Takam! Special Banana. For more information on the food expo, call 878-5745 and 896-3503, the GTF Marketing Office.

NCFP gets nod as voting member

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PHILIPPINE Olympic Committee general assembly yesterday unanimously pushed for the regular membership of the National Chess Federation of the Philippines, giving Jose "Peping" Cojuangco another vote in his bid for the POC presidency.

No one objected to the resolution proposed by Cojuangco himself and seconded by sepa takraw's Mano Tanchango shortly after incumbent POC head Ceiso Dayrit left the four-hour meeting to attend the 2005 Southeast Asian Games briefing with President Arroyo in Malacañang.

But POC chair Robert Aventajado said

the move had the approval of POC legal counsel Toto Africa, a former official of the fencing association headed by Dayrit.

The NCFP is now headed by Go Teng Kok, also the president of the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association, who is a known supporter of Cojuangco, the president of the equestrian federation.

The resolution is aimed at urging the POC executive council to reconsider its decision to bestow regular membership to the NCFP. The only stumbling block for the association, according to Aventajado, is the "definition of the word regular" in the POC charter.

Only the regular members of the POC get to vote in the elections set in November.

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SPORTSWATCH

Asuncions join RLC badminton tilt

SIBLINGS Kennevei and Kennie Asuncion highlight the Partners Cup 2004, the badminton tournament of the Robinsons Land Corporation. The two will play an exhibition match along with Puri Setyo, Indonesia's former national player. The RLC tilt was organized to bolster sports development and promote the health and fitness of the business partners of Robinsons Land Corporation (RLC). At least 250 participants and guests comprising officials, contractors and suppliers of RLC are expected to participate in the friendly one-day tournament to be held at the Asuncion Badminton Center, located along P. Guevarra Street near Wilson Street, San Juan, on Oct. 2, Saturday. Sports broadcast journalist Anthony Sunday will be the special master of ceremonies at the closing and awarding ceremonies.

Migba sets rich P3M derby

THE 2004 Mindanao Gamefowl Breeders Association (Migba) P3-million 7-day derby kicks off today at the Davao Matina Galleria as the first 80 entries vie for the championship set on Oct. 9. The event continues with the second day of the four separate elimination scuffle on Oct. 2 also at Davao Matina Galleria. Action shifts to the Casino Filipino Davao with the third and fourth stages of the qualifying rounds on Oct. 4 & 6, respectively. All entries garnering a top score of two points lock horns on Oct. 8 at the Galleria for the 4-day insurance round while all participants with 2 and 3 points clash for the championship. Entry entry fee is P16,000.

RP cyclists stamp mark in Indonesia

THE RP-Pagcor Casino Filipino Trade Team made more inroads in the DJI Sam Sea Tour of Indonesia cycling classic in the second stage from Bandung to Tasikmalaya on Tuesday. Joy Reynante finished third with a three-second gap, covering the rolling 119.8-kilometer run in three hours and 12 seconds flat to highlight a fruitful day for the Filipino riders. He was 3:04 behind Afghan stage champion Yevgeny Yakovlev (2:57.08, of the Polygon Sweet Nice Pro Team) and Dutchman Edmund Hollands of the Giant Asia Racing Team, who crossed the finish line in a dead heat with Reynante. Checking in with the huge 40-man third group were Albert Primero, Rhyan Tanguilig and Bernard Luzon.



CHAMPIONS
The University of Santo Tomas Salinggawi Dance Troupe, which won the cheerleading competition of the 67th UAAP season, visits the LA Gear boutique in Market Market at The Fort. LA Gear is the official sponsor of the three-peat champions for two years now.

ENTERTAINMENT

China and Wowie together

MOST of the guests at my birthday bash were surprised to see China Cojuangco arrive with Wowie de Guzman. It prompted curious minds to ask if there's something going on between them.

All China had to say to all the paparazzi around was, "No comment." She's got too much class to be affected by the ribbing. She and Wowie obviously enjoy each other's company and that's that.

The last time I saw Wowie was during his stint with the Universal Motion Dancers. I'm glad he's back in the groove now after his love team with Judy Ann Santos lost its steam. He told me that a new batch of UMD will be launched soon. I asked him why he was with China that night. He smiled and said, "She said it was OK for me to go with her. We're doing a stage play together."

But due to conflict of schedule, Wowie will no longer be with China in the play "Pepe en Pilar," where China plays the role of a poor little rich girl named Sherry. "I end up making friends with kids from different social classes," China said of her role.

People who don't know China well would easily conclude that her role is a most true-to-life. But her close friends know that she's no material girl who's out of touch with reality.

"I've learned how to live a simple life and actually enjoy it," she said. "It doesn't take millions to find real friends and appreciate life."

She just happens to be born rich although even without all the material trappings, she's truly a beautiful person inside out.

Catch China the natural stage actress in Gantimpala. Theater Foundation's "Pepe en Pilar," showing today, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m., Oct. 2 at 12 noon, at St. Scholastica's College, and Oct. 8 and 9 at AFP Theater.

Will Wowie be around to give China a standing ovation? See for yourself folks.

Ogie's stall
OGIE Alcasid is ecstatic about the success of his new business venture, the Ogie Dogie hotdog stall at Market! Market at the Global City in Taguig. When he has time, Ogie personally attends to customers and even cooks the hotdogs himself.

"I enjoy mingling with the crowd," he said. "I'd like to believe that when it comes to hotdogs, we are the gourmet! We add a twist to the regular hotdogs."

Aside from his hotdog biz, Ogie is preparing for his Music Museum concert in October.

"It's called 'I am a Singer' to remind people that singing is my first love," he said. "It's also fulfilling to be a songwriter and I'm happy that my compositions have been sung by great artists. For a

change, I won't be singing most of my original compositions in the Music Museum show but songs that have touched my heart in one way or another."

Ogie is truly a songwriter and singer nonpareil. But for me, he is a true friend first and foremost.

Jr Newswatch

I STARTED my TV career as a newscaster on RPN-9's "Newswatch Junior Edition" when I was still in grade school. I owe a lot to that show. That's why I'm delighted that RPN-9 is reviving "Junior Newswatch" this October.

The initial re-release will feature our batch of newscasters including Rina Reyes, Andre Castillo (of The Company), Janice de Belen, Michael Uytengsu (the former Alaska Boy), Jobert Abreva and many others.

"Newswatch Junior Edition" is the best way to orient young formative minds with what's happening all over the

DOLLYWOOD

Dolly Ann Carvajal



globe. They will also be spared from the controversial presentation of most of our local news programs. The headlines will be delivered by kids, too. It's time our kids watch something worthwhile instead of just watching MTV and being glued to their cell phones and computers.

Jasmine's coming

"AMERICAN Idol" sensation Jasmine Trias is finally coming home next week. For sure she will get a heroine's welcome.

I heard that she will be staying only for a couple of days to promote McDonald's, Her Bench and Smart. With all the clamor for her, I wonder how she would be able to get noticed to extend her stay in the Philippines.

I got a copy of a CD of her McD theme, "Love Ko 'To," composed by Jimmy Antiporda, when I attended the McDonald's Owners and Operators "One Night Only" affair with the youngest franchisee, Allan Ranola. No doubt the McD jingle as sung by Jasmine will sell more burgers.

Maegan and Flower Child

CATCH sultry Maegan Aguilar and her

cool band Flower Child tonight at Pontecello on Valero Street in Makati, Oct. 16 at Bloo Gum Café at Rivercity Arcade in Marikina Heights, and Oct. 15 at Red Door Pasig.

Thank you

KAMSAHAMNEDA to all my mom's "loyalists" and friends who joined our family in remembering my "SuperwoMom" during her "first birthday in heaven" last Sept. 26. Truly there is love even after death.

Wherever we are, Mom is there also. For feedback, e-mail friends_elueblo@yahoo.com or dollyanne@truefaithband.com

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Between midnight and 6 a.m., Sheep, the star of the Cartoon Network original series "Sheep in the Big City," will jump repeatedly across the TV screen to lull restless viewers of all ages to sleep. Commenting on his one-of-a-kind stunt, Sheep said, "baah!" In other words, "If you can't sleep, count Sheep!"

Cartoon Network hopes that kids and parents who tune in to the Worldwide Night of Sleep will wake up the next morning fully refreshed, recharged, and ready for the active and exciting activities the network have planned for the weekend.

The Worldwide Night of Sleep is Cartoon Network's way of encouraging kids to adopt a healthy sleeping pattern, and thus achieve a balanced life.

Cartoon Network Philippines reached 93 percent of cable kids in the second quarter of 2004 and led all cable networks for 10 quarters in a row, according to a Cartoon Network statement.

The Network attracts teens and young adults, said the statement. Stunts like Mother's Day Kiss Alert and programming blocks like Toons-si-log, Freaky Friday, Brain Power Hour and Toonami consistently made Cartoon Network the highest rated ad-supported cable in the corresponding time brands for cable kids in the second quarter, it added.

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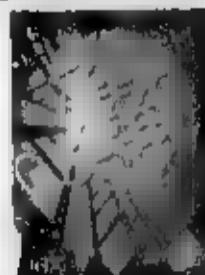
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(Conclusion)

WHEN we worked on the original Filipino musical "Katy!" with

Ryan Cayabyab in the late '80s, our already considerable admiration for his composing and ar-

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

ranging talent increased even more.

We were particularly impressed with the range of musical styles the Ryan employed in composing

the show's many songs. The story encompassed 60 years of Katy de la Cruz's performing life, so she went through various musical periods, which the gifted composer brilliantly vivified in his music.

The public wholeheartedly agreed, and the musical became a big popular and critical hit. It was hailed as the best cultural event of the year and revived keen interest in the spunky entertainer whose colorful life had inspired us to con-



RYAN C. Truly world-class

cepralize the musical in her honor for Music Theater Philippines.

After that smash hit, Ryan went on to other musical successes.

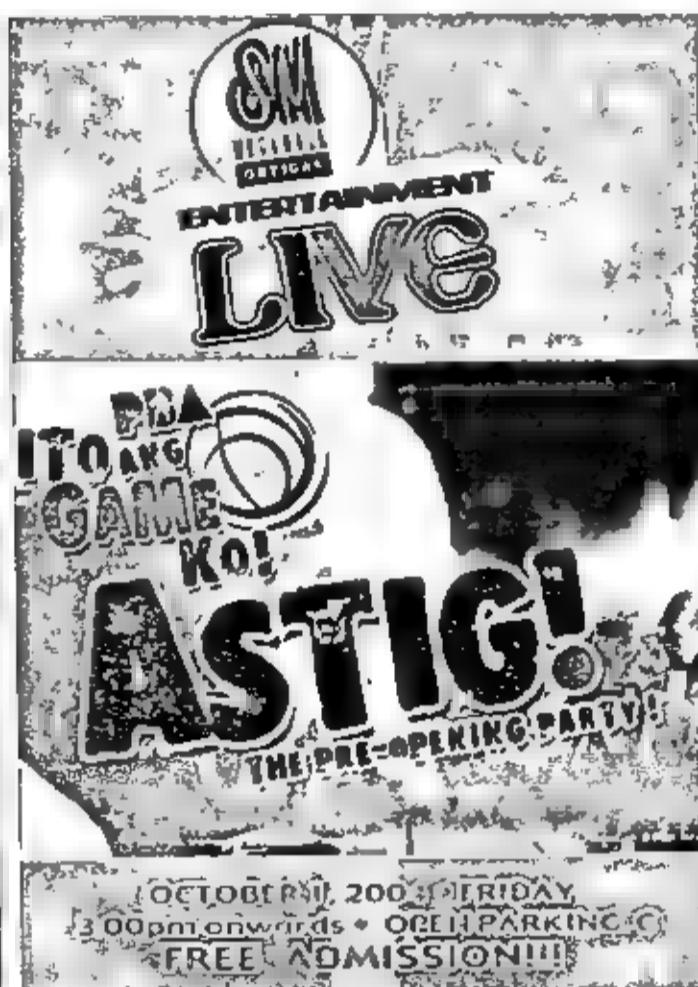
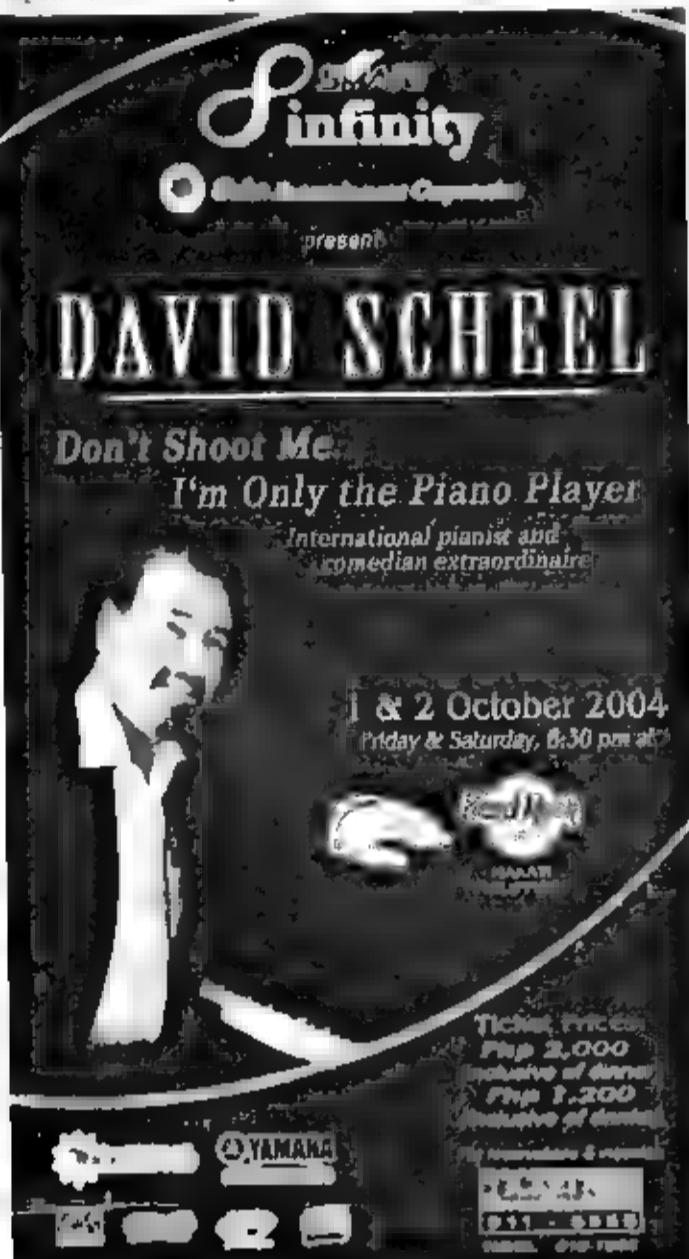
We next worked together when we wrote and directed "Magnificat," a musical on the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as seen within the context of the salvific mission of her son Jesus Christ.

We had tapped another talent

ed composer to do the music for the sing-through musical, but he had become a Born Again Christian in midstream, and withdrew from the project.

We were stumped for a replacement, since the show's material was very demanding—until we met an old friend, Basil Valdez, and he asked us what our favorite

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OUR real interest, nevertheless, must shift to the views of an old (time) senator, known to most people simply as JPE, who was the closest buddy of Kuya Eddie in EDSA 1.

In the ONE and ONLY Senate hearing, JPE asked Kuya Eddie by what authority he, as President of the Republic, approved the Smokey Mountain reclamation project.

It seems that, based on JPE's flamethrower of a discourse, even the most powerful person in the land, the President of the Republic, actually has no power to grant anybody any authority to reclaim any land to any body of water in any part of this country—not even in a creek or in a bathtub.

The senator said that, under the present democratic system, the authority rests solely on Congress.

Kuya Eddie simply said, "amen." So why did the administration of Kuya Eddie, without congressional approval, authorize R-II to reclaim more than a hundred hectares of land in Manila Bay? Aha, so there's the smoking cigar, este, gun?

He actually said that the original project proponent, R-II Builders, which won in biddings for the project twice, still must answer some of the issues.

project, the good justice may again decide to inhibit himself from the Smokey Mountain case.

Carpio inhibited himself from another garbage case, the one involving Australian firm Jancom's incinerator contract.

Carpio used to be the lawyer of Jancom.

That's why Carpio inhibited himself from the Jancom case. Maybe that's why Jancom won.

ANYWAY, after Kuya Eddie identified Tita Cory and his subordinates as the culprits, JPE turned soft on him.

"I am not blaming you," he told Kuya Eddie. "Probably it was an oversight of your people."

Wow! That's a Senate hearing, mind you, in which one of the country's top legal minds doesn't mind guessing—on record, at that—about a multibillion-peso scandal.

Or maybe it was a sarcastic comment. After all, the issue only involves a mountain of government funds.

And that probably got the goat of another soldier, Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, who insisted that the question was still, well, was the project legal or not?

EVERYBODY knows that the question is up to the Supreme Court to answer.

But take note that, the day after the hearing, Drilon issued a statement.

He said that as justice secretary at that time, he did not uphold the legality of the joint venture agreement between the government and R-II.

What were referred to him for review, the Senate President said, were just the procedural matters. Hm.

So who did the legal review of this scandalous project?

No, don't tell me, I don't think it was the chief presidential legal adviser at that time! No, you cannot just put the blame on Supreme Court Justice Carpio all the time!

Smart

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targeting to hook up between 30,000 and 35,000 Filipinos overseas to its 1528 program this year.

Smart said it was

abroad who send close to \$8 billion to their families each year.

Smart Padala han-

ded about 15,000 transactions worth P120 million since it was launched last Aug. 1, according to the company.

Smart said it was

the PLDT group

said it was looking to

offer 1528 in other

Asian countries as

well as Europe. Next

target is Singapore

and Italy, according

to officials, where

there are a critical

mass of Filipinos.

First Pacific man-

aging director and

PLDT chair Manuel

Pangilinan said his

group was looking at

three ways to expand

the telecom business

in the region. PLDT is

24-percent owned by

First Pacific.

"One is to invest in

a telecom company by

putting in equity. An-

other strategy is to do

it like what we did in

Hong Kong where we

teamed up with another

carrier to bring wire-

less services of a sub-

sidiary. Another op-

tion is just to focus on

retail by selling pre-

paid cards," Pangilin-

an said in a recent

talk with reporters in

Hong Kong.

Pangilinan said the

8 million Filipinos

working overseas

would be a big mar-

ket for the integrated

services of the PLDT

group's fixed-line and

international gateway,

wireless and data opera-

tions.

"Hopefully, we can

eventually capture the

majority of the busi-

ness from the 8 million

Filipinos overseas. We

started with Hong

Kong and we would be

bringing the same

products to other areas

where there are many

Filipinos," he said.

"We have given a

mandate to negotiate

with carriers of other

countries for a simi-

lar arrangement as in

Hong Kong. The first

thing to do is to find

out if the regulation

permits it," he said.

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DTI warns public against dealing with 5 suspected 'pyramiding' firms

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry yesterday warned the public against dealing with five companies suspected of engaging in pyramiding scheme.

According to the DTI, the following firms have been subject of inquiries related to pyramiding: Cymbionic Inc., Classique Herbs Corp., Entrepreneurs Club International Marketing Corp., Ikingkong Commercial Philippines Inc. and Inter-C-D Co.

The DTI's Bureau of Trade Regulation and Consumer Protection (BTRCP) said these companies were no longer in the business addresses they indicated when they registered with the DTI and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Trade Undersecretary Adrian S. Cristobal Jr. clarified that it was not yet determined whether the firms were indeed engaged in pyramiding.

But Cristobal said the DTI was considering the possible cancellation of the firms' certifi-

cates of business name registration since they did not advise the agency of their change of address.

BTRCP assistant director Jaime Olmos said the bureau had been trying to get in touch with the companies but, instead, discovered they were no longer in their registered addresses.

The bureau sent two notices by mail to each of the five firms, but these were returned to the sender.

"The law requires companies to inform us if they move or change location," Olmos said. "This is meant to protect the public against fly-by-night companies."

DTI records showed that Cymbionic was supposed to have offices at Unit 1601 Atlanta Center, No. 31 Annapolis St. Greenhills, San Juan; Classique Herbs at No. 28 Unit 2-B Agustin 1 Bldg., Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center,

Pasig City; Entrepreneurs Club at Suite 900, Ayala Life Bldg., 6786 Ayala Avenue, Makati City; Ikingkong Commercial at 9-B Philippine Stock Exchange West Tower, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, and Inter-C-D, No. 304, San Guillermo St., Pototan, Muntinlupa City.

In May, Trade Secretary Cesar V. Purisima announced that the DTI had formed a special legal task force to prosecute pyramiding cases, complaints against which had risen anew.

Purisima said that with the task force in place, the DTI could fast-track the review of the complaints against pyramiding and hopefully clamp down on illegal marketing schemes.

The trade chief said operators of such schemes have been preying on unwary consumers, especially overseas Filipino workers.

WB executive urges RP to initiate 'bold' reforms

By Doris C. Dumla

THE WORLD Bank yesterday urged the Philippines to undertake "bold and timely" reforms—such as in fiscal management, financial restructuring, judiciary and infrastructure—to grab a bigger share of investments pouring into the East Asian region.

WB country director Joachim von Amsberg said the Philippines had the potential to be a prime location for investment in Asia, given its highly educated and entrepreneurial people and rich natural resources.

However, he noted that the Philippines was lagging behind other countries in East Asia as it was perceived to be less competitive. He added that a perception of high political and economic risks was reducing the attractiveness of the country as an investment location.

In its World Development Report 2005, which drew on surveys of more than 30,000 firms in 53 developing countries, it was noted that investment as a share of gross domestic product (GDP) was lower in the Philippines than in Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia between 1990 to 2003. This had significantly constrained the country's growth performance.

"The survey results show the need for improvements in transparency, credibility and predictability. Effective public actions to improve regulation, macroeconomic stability, curb corruption, and remove barriers to competition would increase opportunities and incentives for big firms as well as small firms," Von Amsberg said.

"Bold and timely policy reforms in a few key areas could quickly improve investor sentiment," he said.

In line with the recent report, Von Amsberg cited some of the bank's suggestions to improve the investment climate in the Philippines.

• Implementation of a well-conceived short- and medium-term public finance reform program in order to reduce macroeconomic uncertainty and cost of capital while increase willingness of entrepreneurs and financiers to undertake and finance new investments;

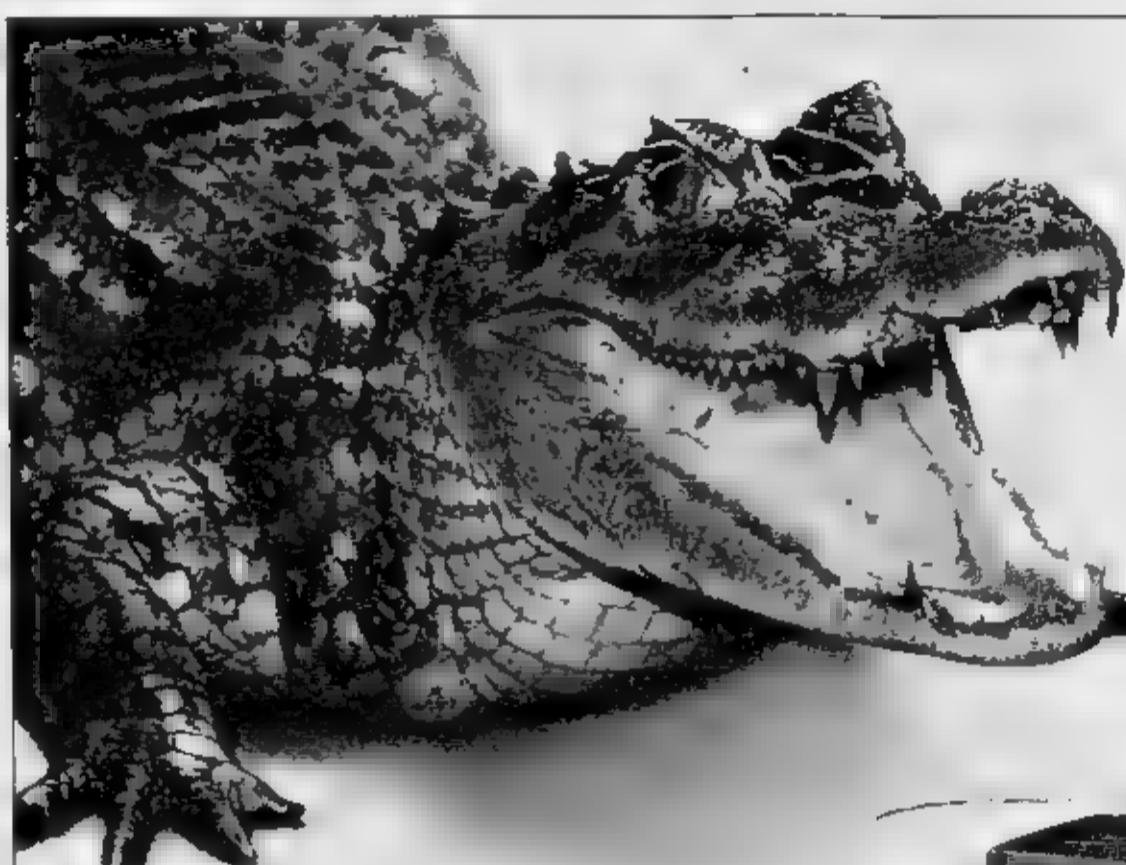
• Implementation of complementary measures to the Special Purpose Asset Vehicles Act to aid the restructuring of the banking and corporate sector, such as granting immunity to regulators from political and legal harassment as well as quick enactment of the Corporate Recovery Bill and the Securitization Bill;

• A systematic effort to lower the costs of doing business, and improve the judicial enforcement and dispute resolution processes, noting the cost of dispute resolution in the Philippines is currently among the highest in the world. Under such environment, firms limit their exposure and lower their cost of exit, resulting in lower levels of technology transfer, supply of capital, and slower integration into production networks, and

• Improvement in private participation in infrastructure as well as complementary and connecting investments at the local level in order to leverage national infrastructure investments.

"Many investors are in a wait-and-watch mood, waiting for reforms and actions to take on vested interests. Sound fiscal management and commitment to reforms will attract investments," the WB executive said.

"Investments will drive growth and employment. Employment and improved public services will raise living standards for people, especially the poor. The key to this virtuous circle is credible and quick implementation of fiscal reforms, in particular," Von Amberg said.



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REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
REGIONS 8, 9 AND 10
FY 2003
In Thousand Pesos

Class	Balance Sheet						Statement of Income and Expenses						Class	Balance Sheet						Statement of Income and Expenses								
	Total Assets		Total Liabilities		Total Equity		Income		Rank 1		Total Expenses		Rank 2		Income		Rank 1		Total Expenses		Rank 2		Income		Rank 1			
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Minas	4,500,635	778,728	3,721,363	3,784,268	3,249,863	534,307	14																					
	174,755	51,744	127,011	180,235	8	160,547	8	19,628	8	11																		
Almena	13,195	2,797	10,396	19,863	8	98	17,329	5	95	2,934	5	95	12															
Biliran	20,072	7,818	12,453	20,654	5	93	16,717	7	105	3,937	2	81	19															
Cabugayen	15,580	3,081	12,579	20,933	4	91	17,418	4	95	3,517	3	67	17															
Calezan	18,254	3,788	14,496	22,446	2	81	22,270	2	88	176	8	124																
Culaba	10,002	3,180	6,842	17,852	7	108	17,070	6	101	791	7	116	4															
Kawitran	1,518	3,564	7,954	21,375	3	58	19,941	3	73	1,434	8	108	7															
Manjupi	11,246	1,954	8,280	15,008	8	121	11,724	8	129	3,282	4	72	22															
Naval	7,808	25,811	52,907	24,428	1	17	30,078	1	16	4,218	1	83	10															
Eastern Samar	543,451	164,969	138,483	610,837	1	1	542,093	3	11	60,032	3	11																
Aratiba	29,25	1,797	27,424	4,500	2	19	36,650	2	20	4,940	5	38	12															
Banango	1,123	1,793	9,329	20,324	17	92	22,005	11	99	1,622	22	131	6															
Balangkay	17,717	894	21,987	12,83	19,600	12	82	2,387	4	84																		
Borongan	67,579	17,46	50,531	84,956	1	6	60,987	1	4	1,11	9	54	8															
Can-Asw	21,726	7,036	14,420	30,404	8	43	24,029	8	49	5,575	4	29	18															
Dolores	43,753	7,653	36,30	28,788	4	24	32,786	4	24	5,870	2	24	15															
Gen. MacArthur	21,627	7,118	14,512	20,636	18	94	17,054	19	102	3,582	12	84	17															
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Guitang	36,340	11,007	24,333	41,502	3	20	32,057	5	26	8,524	1	8	23															
Hamang	18,230	6,624	10,208	16,332	21	119	15,216	20	113	122	19	125	1															
Jaaped	13,559	1,774	11,984	21,784	14	25	17,681	12	82	4,086	10	58	18															
Uvitan	22,231	2,952	19,569	21,893	15	86	19,883	13	76	8,5	14	95	8															
Joronto	25,399	4,834	20,555	38,088	6	28	38,650	3	21	1,438	18	107	4															
Mariog	27,240	1,983	21,659	18	87	17,297	17	96	4,392	8	80	23																
Matjolong	3	616	2,287	31,242	7	38	30,865	8	27	3,777	18	121	1															
Mercedes	14,205	2,488	1,197	14,786	22	123	14,752	21	117	1,31	21	128	0															
Oros	17,180	1,227	15,953	31,761	6	36	25,674	7	36	4,887	8	39	15															
Quinapondan	18,998	2,174	16,825	16,755	18	105	17,189	18	98	1,555	16	101	0															
Sacado	12,795	843	11,952	21,575	10	72	23,050	9	88	5,242	7	70	2															
San Julian	35,344	2,090	33,254	23,486	11	73	17,749	15	90	5,740	3	26	24															
San Polcarpino	24,443	1,757	22,655	16,380	20	108	14,378	21	98	4,011	11	98	21															
Sukit	6	26,822	14,496	12,327	21,863	18	84	21,775	12	81	1,170	20	128	1														
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BUSINESS

INFRA, SME, INVESTMENTS

3-pronged dev't strategy pushed

By Rennel W. Domingo

TRADE Secretary Cesar V. Purisima yesterday said his department was pushing for a three-pronged approach that would drive the economy to the level at which leading markets in Asia are moving.

Purisima said the campaign involved the development of basic infrastructure, small and medium enterprises, and investments and exports.

"Our economy moves like a jeepney at 40 kilometers per hour during rough times, but we should be attuned and move faster now that we are the superhighway of a global market," he said.

He explained that well developed infrastructure was necessary

to product." Purisima said. "Assuming that the government collects 10 percent of the GDP in taxes, infrastructure pays for itself."

He had said earlier that the government was creating a Philippine Infrastructure Corp., which would undertake at least 10 major projects to help develop the economy.

Regarding SMEs, Purisima said Filipinos—especially the overseas contract workers—should be encouraged to start their own businesses and be their own boss rather than be employees.

"We need to convince them to enter into businesses other than renter-type ones, such as the operation of tricycles, jeepneys—which offer very little multiplier effect," he said.

Further, he said the government needed to encourage more capital infusion from both local and foreign investors.

"Several equity bankers conservatively estimate that they manage over \$100 billion in funds just from Filinos. If we can convince these rich Filipinos to have faith in the economy and invest their money in the country then private domestic sources alone could finance a critical mass of projects that would jump-start and sustain the economy."

About concerns on "fiscal crisis," Purisima said the country was in no such situation.

"The country has access to financial markets and the budget is manageable," he said.



A BIKE enthusiast tests the handle of a 50cc motorcycle made by Zhongshan Motors of China, which was among those on display at a trade exposition in Manila.

Intel remains bullish on RP

By Abigail L. Ho

CHIP giant Intel Corp. is unperturbed by President Macapagal-Arroyo's pronouncement that the country is now in a fiscal crisis, saying its commitment to the country is for the long term.

Asked if the country's fiscal crisis situation would affect the company's investment strategies, Intel Corp. president and chief operating officer Paul Otellini answered, "No it's not."

"We are aware of the situation, of course. We've been here for 30 years. We are not a newcomer and we are not a new goer. You will see us for the long term. We have a long term perspective of our investments here," he told reporters in a briefing yesterday.

The world's largest chip maker, which first set up shop here in 1974, has assembly, test and office facilities at the 20-hectare Gateway Business Park site in General Trias, Cavite.

Intel's local arm, Intel Microelectronics Phil. Inc., assembles and tests Flash memory, microprocessors and chipsets.

Flash memory is key component in cellular phones, which also plays an important role in computer manufacturing, automotive control units, digital cameras, photocopiers, games and other household applications.

Microprocessors and chip sets serve as the brain of the computer. Intel is the manufacturer of the widely used Pentium microprocessors.

The local Intel plant employs more than 5,000 employees who man a large number of production lines as well as various operations and functions vital to the chip maker's global operations.

In 2003, Intel invested \$140 million in Asia to which its Philippine operations belonged.

While giving assurance that Intel would be here to stay for the long haul, Otellini also visited the company's General Trias plant yesterday to witness the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the local Intel arm and the Commission on Information and Communications Technology.

RP taxes among lowest in Asia—DOF

By Michelle V. Reme

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance refuted a World Bank study that said "high" taxes in the country were partly to blame for low investments, saying taxes here were actually the lowest in the region.

Finance Undersecretary Grace Tan told reporters that Philippine tax rates were comparable with prevailing rates in the region, adding that the local value added tax rate was one of the lowest.

DOF data showed that the Philippines imposed a 10-percent VAT, against the 13 percent in Mongolia, 17 percent in China, and 12.5 percent in Sri Lanka, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Korea, Nepal, Indonesia and Thailand and also impose a 10-percent VAT.

The DOF reacted to the World Bank Development Report for 2005, which said that high tax rates in the Philippines were among the top three constraints to doing business here, along with an unreliable power supply and corruption.

Other constraints cited were policy uncertainties and crime.

Tan said taxes could not be blamed for low investments because tax rates in the Philippines were competitive.

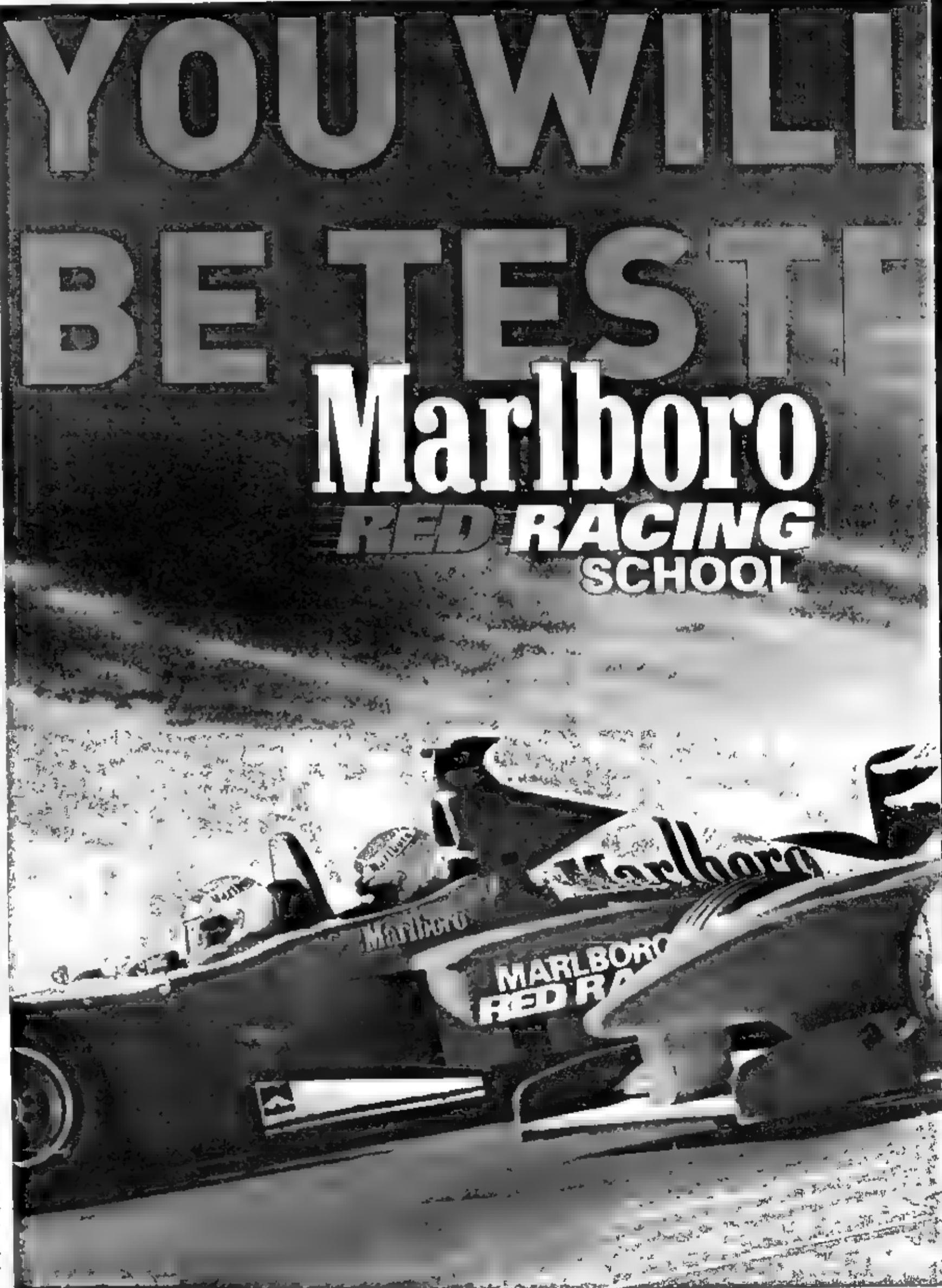
"The tax rates here are not so high plus investors are privileged with so many fiscal incentives," said Tan.

Tan also defended the government's proposed tax measures, saying that the low tax rates in the country provide a lot of room for additional taxes. She added that the proposed measures were not even new ones, but merely rationalization of existing taxes.

Tan also said "sin" products, cigarettes and alcohol were taxed much lower in the Philippines than in other countries.

This made cigarettes and alcohol very affordable, even to the low-income Filipino earners, she said.

In the DOF's proposed bill on sin taxes, tax rates on cigarettes would be increased by 30.1 percent and to index it against inflation every two years.



Government Warning
is dangerous

Milk firm heeds call to save underfed children

By Michelle V. Rema

ROYSON is one of many children living in a slum area in Pasay City.

But he does not play like other boys his age, for he is so weakened by malnutrition that he could not even walk.

Fortunately, he became one of the beneficiaries of the feeding program of Mead Johnson Philippines.

And after just six months, he took his first steps.

Royson is one of the thousands of children that benefited from Mead Johnson's "Masustansyang Gatas Alay ng Mead Johnson sa Batang Pilipino."

Jo Ann Vercadero-Salamat, Mead Johnson corporate affairs manager, said Mead Johnson launched the program to respond to the government's urgent call to reduce the number of malnourished children.



CORPORATE CITIZEN

FEEDING CHILDREN

MJ BENEFICIARIES—Welfareville Mandakuyong

According to Salamat, milk is expensive, thus poor families could not afford

to buy it for their children.

Through the feeding program, chil-

dren of poor families are given an equal chance of being fed with Mead Johnson

milk products, like Enfagrow, Lactum, Alacta-Grow and Sustagen.

The milk-feeding program is divided into modules.

Under one module, 30 malnourished children from project site, aged seven years old and below, are fed with their milk requirements every day for six months.

The number of glasses given to a child per day depends on his or her malnutrition level. Nutritionists gauge the health requirements of each child based on their age and weight.

Salamat said that a two-year-old, for instance, should weigh 12 kilos. The farther one is from his or her ideal weight, the more glasses of milk is given to that child.

The milk-feeding program is being carried out nationwide.

It is a tie-up between Mead Johnson, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the non-government organization Bagong Kalahi.

The local DSWD unit implements the program and Mead Johnson comes in to provide the free milk and help Kalahi in monitoring the children's progress.

Since the program started in July 2002, over 3,000 children in 97 sites have been fed. Mead Johnson spends about P120,000 worth of free milk for every project site, Salamat said.

Salamat recalls Royson's graduation.

"The graduation was very emotional. When his name was called, he personally walked toward the stage to get his diploma. Everybody was so happy to see him walking; it was like a miracle" said Salamat.

Salamat said that the program does not end with feeding the children with milk. Aware of the importance of sustainable development, Mead Johnson, DSWD and Kalahi concludes each module by giving nutrition training to the children's mothers.

She said the training includes teaching mothers how to prepare low-cost nutritious meals, advising them on what healthy yet cheap food to buy from the market, budgeting, and cooking.

She cited viands like ginataang sayote with dilis and malungay, as well as munggong gisa do with dried fish as some of the low-cost yet nutritious menu that are taught to the mothers.

Salamat said the training courses are prepared by the DSWD, which also takes charge of sending the lecturers.

Mead Johnson likewise sends its nutritionists to give lectures, she said.

Teaching mothers with meager resources how to provide nutritious food to their children is important to ensure sustainability of the children's health.

Salamat said Mead Johnson hoped that the milk-feeding program, which the company commits to be its permanent social-responsibility project, could significantly help in the government's nation-building efforts.

Keeping Filipinos—especially the young—healthy is one of the first considerations before the government could even think of economic progress, so believes Mead Johnson.

Mead Johnson came to the Philippines in 1962, and established its first manufacturing plant in the country, situated along Chino Roces in Makati, in 1968.

Mead Johnson Philippines is now one of the leading milk manufacturers in the country, and is contributing dollars to the Philippines through its exports to Indonesia.



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NOTICE OF SEARCH FOR THE SELECTION OF THE LEYTE NORMAL UNIVERSITY PRESIDENCY

Minimum Personal Qualifications of the SUC Presidency:

1. Preferably be at least forty (40) years old but not more than 61 years old on the date of the application for the position.
2. Must be a natural born citizen of the Philippines.
3. A holder of a Doctoral Degree.
4. Must have a proven track record as top administrator (at least Deanship level), whether in private or public, for at least a period of five (5) years. This must be supported by a document (e.g. Certification or Special Order from the concerned party) stating the managerial and/or administrative experience and the period covered.
5. Must possess leadership and managerial skills within the purview of the needs, thrusts, goals and objectives of the university.
6. Must be of good moral character. Conviction of any crime involving moral turpitude or administrative charge shall be a ground for disqualification.

Note: Qualified applicants must submit their accomplished pro-forma Application Letter, Applicant's Information Form and Curriculum Vitae (CV) Forms to the Office of the Board Secretary, LNU Board of Regents together with the following supporting documents.

1. Detailed Curriculum Vitae
2. Xerox Copy of Transcript of Records or Diplomas
3. Neuro-psychiatric Evaluation Result
4. Medical Certificate of Physical Fitness issued by a government physician from a regional medical center
5. Clearance Certificates from the following:
 - a. Ombudsman
 - b. Sandigan Bayan
 - c. Civil Service Commission
 - d. National Bureau of Investigation
6. Applicant's Proposed Vision, Mission and Development Plan for the university within a four-year period.

Important: Applicants must submit six (6) sets/copies each of their Pro-Forma Application Letter, Applicant's Information Form, CV Forms and all supporting documents mentioned above not later than October 29, 2004. The Pro-forma Application Letter, Applicant's Information Form and CV Forms can be obtained from the Office of the Board Secretary of the LNU Board of Regents, LNU, Palermo St., Tacloban City

(PDR - Sept. 15 & 30, 2004)

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 Branch 20
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE
 CHANGE OF NAME FROM MARIA CORSA BANTIBA
 TO MARIA CORSA BANTIBA
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 CHANGE OF NAME FROM MARIA CORSA BANTIBA
 TO MARIA CORSA BANTIBA
 Petitioner
 vs.
 THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
 OF CEBU CITY
 Respondent

SP. PROC. NO. 8276

ORDER

A wedded person has been filed in the Office of the Local Civil Registry through his counsel, on 21 July 2004, praying for the change of said person's first name as well as for the correction of erroneous entries regarding the said's gender and also the surname of his mother, as appearing in her birth record on file with the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Cebu City, along with other claims.

That person was born on 8 November 1954 in Cebu City to spouses Isagani Bantiba and Corazon Karina, that the last of birth of petitioner was duly registered in the Office of the Local Civil Registry of Cebu City that in the said birth record the his name of petitioner was entered as "Maria Corisa" that since petitioner's birth until the present his latter was using "Aldriy, Conchita" and actually his true name is Maria Corisa that in the same birth record the sex of the petitioner as well as the middle surname of her mother was erroneously entered as "Male" and "Cebu" respectively, that such entries are erroneous because petitioner's true and correct sex as well as the maiden surname of her mother are "Female" and "Bantiba" respectively and that petitioner wants to change her first name as well as desire to correct the erroneous entries concerning her sex and the maiden surname of her mother as appearing in her birth record in order to furnish any warranted evidence of this petition.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby given due course and set for hearing on 22 October 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at the 1st floor of the Sorsogon Hall of the Court, Hall of Justice Bldg., Sungay City, in which date time and place any interested person may appear and show cause, if he has any, why this petition should not be granted.

Accordingly, the petitioner is hereby ordered to publish this order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the entire Philippines before the above-scheduled hearing of this petition at his own expense.

Let copy of this order be furnished the Office of the Local Civil Registry of Cebu City, unless he file copy of the Order and the petition to the Office of the Sheriff-General, Makati City, all to their information and appropriate action.

SO ORDERED

Given in Chambers this 12th day of August 2004 at Sungay City, Philippines.

(Sgt.) FLORIPINAS C. BUYSER
 Presiding Judge

(PDR - Sept. 15, 23 & 30, 2004)

ERRATUM

In the advertisement of National Transmision Corporation, Invitation to Bid: Consultancy Services for Transaco 2003 External Asset Valuation Project published Sept. 27, 2004 in this paper, paragraph 5 should have read "All bids for the Contract to bid shall be REJECTED instead of submitted."

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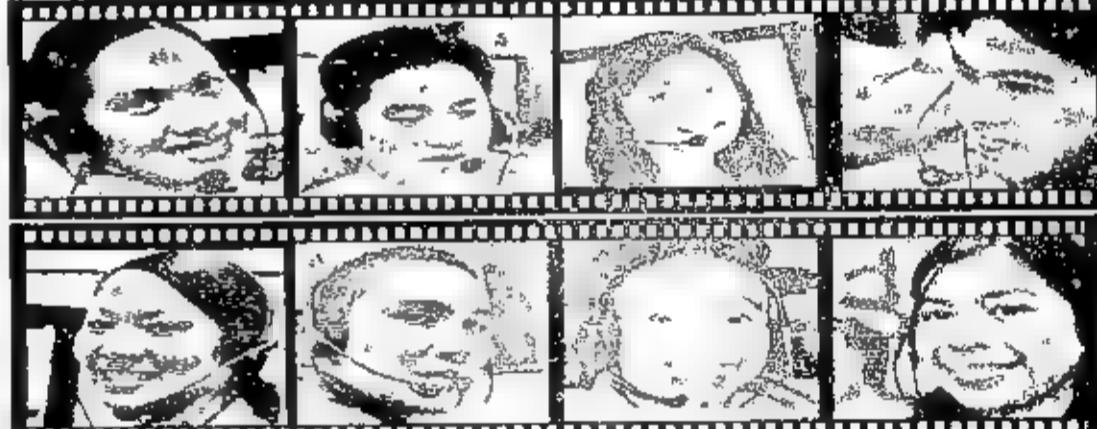
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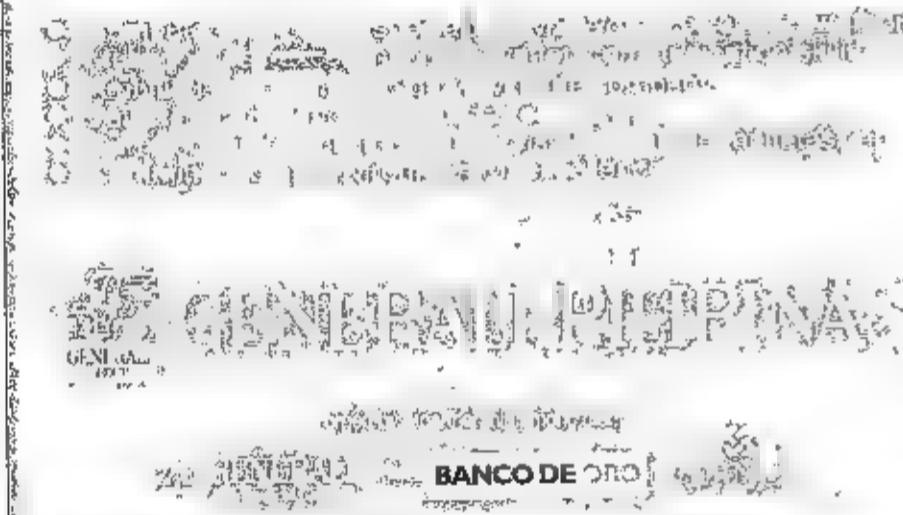
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In addition to the above requirements, the candidates must be:



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Municipality of Murcia
Province of Negros Occidental
Republic of the Philippines

September 27 2004

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Municipal Government of Murcia, Negros Occidental invites interested and legitimate contractors to apply for eligibility and submit sealed bids for the

CONSTRUCTION OF MURCIA PUBLIC MARKET

[2-storey Main Bldg., Dry Market and Wet Market Bldgs.]

Poblacion, Murcia, Negros Occidental

- The approved budget cost (ABC) for the contract to be bid is Php 33,500,000.00
- Application for Eligibility is open to Contractors with PCAB license and registration for CATEGORY - Large A and above for buildings
- The scope of work for the project includes the supply of materials, labor, tools and equipment.
- Eligibility forms/documents are available for issuance starting October 16, 2004 at the Municipal Treasurer's Office upon payment of non-refundable fee of Php 200.00.
- Deadline for submission of receipts of eligibility documents and LOI (Letter of Intent) is on October 25, 2004 at the BAC Office, Municipal Building at 5:00 pm.
- Eligibility checks and opening of application for Eligibility is on October 26, 2004 Municipal Hall at 9:00 a.m.
- Bidding documents shall be issued to eligible bidder(s) upon payment of non-refundable fee of Php 5,000.00 starting November 4, 2004.
- Pre-bid conference is set on November 11, 2004, Murcia Municipal Hall 10:00 a.m.
- Deadline for submission of bidding documents to BAC and opening of Bids is on November 22, 2004 at the Municipal Hall, 10:00 a.m.
- All applicable provision under the IRR or RA 9164 shall govern all stages of the bidding procedures.

LOU-Murcia reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect contained therein and accept an offer most advantageous to the LGU.

(Sgd.) INCENTES S. CONTE
Chairman
Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI) Sept. 26 & Oct. 7 2004

NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION
PANAY DIESEL POWER PLANT
Dingle, Iloilo City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND BID

The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) NPC PDPP Dingle, Iloilo invites interested bidders to apply for bid and to bid for the following

Date/Time & Place of Bidding	Place
PB No. 04-2004-346	PDPP Conference Room, Dingle, Iloilo
PB No. 04-2004-347	METAL CONDITIONER, AMI-FRIGACION Packaging 20 bags/pkt
1. Color =	ASTM D-1500 Less than 1.0
2. Viscosity at 40 deg. C	ASTM D-445 50 CST or better
3. Viscosity at 00 deg. C	ASTM D-445 2 cSt or higher
4. Flash Point	ASTM D-445 No under 200 deg. C
5. Pour point	ASTM D-97 13 deg. C or better
6. Specific Gravity at 15 deg C	ASTM D-70 1.00
7. Acid value in wt%	Negligible
8. Auto ignition Temp.	ASTM E-659 Above 230 deg C
9. Percent solids	Negligible
10. Design Features are described in the Purchase Description	No measurable

Approved Budget: P8104-2004-346 - P950,000.00

Pre-Bid Conference: October 4, 2004, 2:00 PM at PDPP Conference Room, Dingle, Iloilo

Submission of First & Second Envelope: Opening of 1st Envelope (Technical Documents): October 21, 2004, 9:00 AM at PDPP Conference Room, Dingle, Iloilo

Opening of Second Envelope (Financial Documents): November 9, 2004, 9:00 AM at PDPP Conference Room, Dingle, Iloilo

A Two-Phase Mode of Procurement shall be observed.

Complete sets of Application Formular, Bidding and Bid Documents may be obtained from Mr. Rolando T. Bula - BAC Chairman/Manager, Attn: P. 1004 PDPP, Dingle, Iloilo with tel. no. 04-450 upon presentation of this publication and payment of non-refundable fee of P100.00 starting September 30, 2004 to October 20, 2004, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 00 PM to 4:30 PM.

Bid proposals and other related documents shall be opened in the presence of the prospective bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall jointly concur in the bidding terms and conditions as required and shall assume the same through proper submission of bid documents in accordance with IRR of RA 9164. Pass/Fail evaluation shall be observed.

A Bidder Bond equivalent to 1% is required in the form of Cash, Money in Cashiers' Check, bank draft or Irrevocable Letter of Credit.

A Performance Bond equivalent to 10% of the total contract amount, period and capability on demand issued by the GRS.

NPC reserves the right to reject any or all bids at any time prior to contract award if any defects therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation, subject thereby incurring any of the following: (1) liability whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids and bid obligation to return the accepted bid or evidence of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

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September 22, 2004

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) invites interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for:

Name of Project	Procurement of One Thousand (1,000) Plates Commemorative Plates
Location of the Project	BIR National Office
Approved Budget	P1,500,000.00
Delivery Date	Thirty (30) Calendar days upon receipt of Notice of Award
Source of Funding	BIR's Appropriations

All interested parties may get the bidding documents from the BAC Secretariat, 6th Floor, Procurement Division at Room 605, 6th Floor, BIR-NOB, Diliman, Quezon City starting September 24, 2004, upon payment of non-refundable fee of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00).

Pre-Bid Conference will be held on October 7, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. at the 6th Floor, Procurement Conference Room, BIR-NOB, Diliman, Quezon City, and followed by the opening of the bids.

Deadline for the submission and opening of eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals shall be on October 18, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the 6th Floor, Procurement Division Conference Room, BIR-NOB, Diliman, Quezon City, and followed by the opening of the bids.

The criteria to be used by the BIR in the following: (a) eligibility check of prospective bidders; (b) examination and evaluation of bids; and (c) post-qualification, shall be on a non-discretionary "pass/fail" basis.

The BIR assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any excuse or loss that they may incur in the preparation of their bid. The BIR also reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any of the required formality therein and accept the bids most advantageous to the government.

For particulars, please inquire from the BAC-IT Secretariat, thru the Chief, Procurement Division at Room 605, 6th Floor, BIR-NOB, Diliman, Quezon City or call telephone nos. 928-5547, 926-5538 and 928-2026 (fax), or e-mail us at pmbi@bir.gov.ph until October 18, 2004.

(Sgd., MILAGROS V. REGALADO
Assistant Commissioner - Legal Service
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI Sept. 26, 2004)

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National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

NPC-MMSD 2004-017

The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)-MMSD of NPC invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following requirements.

Sche - date	Dated	Time & Bidding	Item Description	PR No./Inquiry No.	ABC
I	Oct. 18, 2004	10:00 A.M.	Mechanical Parts for Air Compressor of PB 105 "Dahatsu"	APD P0040907-MMAD1504	1,109,630.00 (P62)
II			Supply of services, APD P0040908-MMAD1509	IP62	1,000,000.00
III	Oct. 19, 2004	2:00 P.M.	Portable Network Analyzer, VMS P0041019-MMVB1833	IP62	1,360,000.00
IV			Salec PNA295-1 or equivalent		
V	Oct. 29, 2004	2:00 P.M.	Mechanical Parts for Viga DPP "Pendin"		
			Delivery of Diesel fuel from pickup points in PB 19, PB 105, Jolo DPP, Basalan DPP, Bongao DPP, Siasi DPP, W. Sircun DPP, Sabute DPP, Baimbing DPP, M. Mangkaw DPP, Tandabas DPP, Majun DPP, PB 111, Kalansang DPP, Dinagat DPP, Liloilo DPP, Abad Santos DPP, Tanduay DPP, Baan DPP, Ninoy Aquino DPP, Hadop	MLT P0041020-MMAD1735	43,213,490.00

Note: A Pre-bidding Conference will be held for the following bidding schedules:

Schedule	Date	Time	Place
Schedule I - IV	October 5, 2004	2:00 P.M.	Hawaya Function Room
Schedule V	October 14, 2004	2:00 P.M.	Panyaya Function Room

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Materials Management Services Division, Materials Management Dept. of NPC Diliman, Quezon City with Tel. No. 9245397 / 9245477 upon payment of non-refundable fee of PHP 500.00 per schedule starting on September 23, 2004 from 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. only. No bid documents will be issued 3 days before the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the assigned Bidding Room, MMSD, MMD, NPC, Diliman, Quezon City on the date and time specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders. Certificate of Registration issued by PSD/MMSD will be honored provided that the Certification is still valid.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution in accordance with the R.R.A. of Republic Act No. 9184.

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his/her bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to a percentage of the approved budget for the contract to be bid in the form of Cash, Manager's Cashier's Check, Irrevocable Letter of Credit - One Percent (1%), Bank Guarantee - One and a half percent (1.5%), Surety Bond - Two and a half percent (2.5%), penal and callible on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

NPC reserves the right to reject any or all bids at any time prior to award of contract, waive any defects therein, and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation, without thereby incurring any of the following: a) liability whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids and b) obligation to inform the affected bidders or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) LORENZO S. MARCELO
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - September 23 & 26, 2004)

TransCo
National Transmission Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Date: September 28, 2004
Contract No.: BCMD 2004-004B Supply and Delivery of Steel Poles For CY 2004 for the Operation and Maintenance of TransCo.

- Contract No.: BCMD 2004-004B Supply and Delivery of Steel Poles For CY 2004 for the Operation and Maintenance of TransCo.
- The contract to be performed by the successful bidder shall consist of supplying and delivering the required Steel Poles to the designated Substations of National Transmission Corporation.
- The Approved Budget for the Contract to be bid is P64,038,410.00 from the Internal Cash Generation of TransCo.
- Application for Eligibility is open to Filipino and Foreign manufacturers, suppliers/dealers, distributors who are in the steel poles business for at least five (5) years and have the legal, technical and financial requirements of the government.
- Foreign bidders who wish to participate in the procurement of goods must prove that their respective country of origin grant reciprocal rights to Filipino citizens with respect to procurement of goods by the government, in compliance with R.A. No. 5183.
- Application for Eligibility shall be evaluated using "PASS/FAIL" criteria. All bids equal to or lower than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be bid shall be evaluated based on the responsiveness of the supplier's offer to the contract under bidding subject to Post qualification before an award is made. Bid Prices submitted higher than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be bid shall be rejected and returned outright.
- Eligibility & Bid Documents will be available for issuance on September 30, 2004 at the Bids and Contract Management Department, National Transmission Corporation, Ground Floor, Power Center, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City 1104, Tel/ifax No. 921-2308 upon presentation of Letter of Intent and a payment of non-refundable fee of P10,000.00.
- Deadline for submission of sealed, duly accomplished Application for Eligibility Forms, statements and Bid Proposals (Technical and Price) shall be on November 10, 2004, 1:00 p.m. at the Feliciano C. Rodriguez Function Room, National Transmission Corporation, Power Training Center Building, Quezon Avenue corner BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila. Late bids shall not be accepted.
- Pre-Bid Conference shall be held on October 10, 2004 at the above venue.
- Manufacturers, suppliers/dealers, distributors not yet included in the TransCo's List of registered Suppliers/Contractors, who wishes to participate in the public bidding, in order to facilitate eligibility check/screening, are requested to register with the registration office mentioned above by submitting the following basic requirements, duly notarized, which should be maintained current and updated at least once a year. A Certificate of Registration will be issued to suppliers/contractors upon approval.
- Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) business name registration or Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registration certificate, as appropriate.
- Mayors' permit and/or municipal license for the current year.
- Copy of Taxpayer's Identification Number (TIN) issued by the BIR.
- Notarized statement of the prospective bidder that it is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by any government agency, office or corporation.
- Audited financial statements, stamped "received" by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institutions, for the immediately preceding calendar year showing, among others, the prospective bidder's total and current assets and liabilities inclusive of income Tax Return and Receipt.
- For foreign bidders, the required documents applicable to entities doing business in the Philippines shall be substituted by the appropriate equivalent documents issued by foreign bidder's country, which documents shall be duly acknowledged and/or translated by the Philippine Consulate thereof.
- Note: Prospective bidders may also submit the above requirements together with their Eligibility Forms and Documents during the deadline for the submission of Eligibility requirements and Bid proposals (Technical and Price).
- TransCo reserves the right to reject any application for Eligibility or all bids without citing any reason, waive any required formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.
- The Contract to be bid shall be governed by the Provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.
- Additional information shall be furnished upon request. All communications should be addressed to the undersigned at the aforementioned address.

(Sgd.) DOMINADOR S. GEONZON

Chairman

Bids and Award Committee

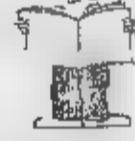
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Jose T. Buhain

has joined his wife Aurora and peacefully rested in the infinite warmth and embrace of our Lord on September 28, 2004.

His loving children Alda and spouse Benny, Jose Angelito, and Jose Jr. and spouse Claudine; his loving grandchildren Martha, Aaron and Amos; his sisters Mrs. Elisa B. Parungao, Mrs. Patricia B. Custodio and Mrs. Rosalina B. Navarro; his relatives and friends request for the eternal repose and happiness of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Don Bosco Memorial — Hope Chapel, Pasay Road, Makati City.

Cremation will be on October 2, 2004, 8:00 a.m., at the Holy Trinity Crematorium, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

DEATH NOTICES

LORNA Q. VALENZUELA

Died in the Grace of our Lord on September 28, 2004

at the age of 45.

Her body lies at her residence at Matuyatuya, Torrijos, Marinduque.

Interment will be on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004

at the Matuyatuya Cemetery

AUGUSTO P. TRINIDAD

Joined his Creator on September 27, 2004

at the age of 82.

His body lies in state at the residence of former Congresswoman Pacita T. Gonzales & DOJ secretary Raul Gonzalez.

Interment will be on October 2 in Iba, Zambales, Catholic Cemetery.

BODOLFO T. CUNANAN

Pearlfully joined our Creator on September 28, 2004 at the age of 90.

His remains lie in state at Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Cremation Mass will be at the Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel Crematorium at 12:00 noon, Friday, October 1, 2004.

Our Dearly Beloved

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of Meycauayan, Bulacan

Who peacefully joined his Creator on September 26, 2004 at the age of 64.

His bereaved wife, Lourdes Dimaano, M.D.;

*children Cristina D. Floro, D.M.D.; Clarissa F. Rhode, M.D. and Patrick Rhode, M.D.;
Atty. Rodrigo D. Floro, Jr. and Celeste Africa Floro, C.I.A.; LCpl (USMC) Robert J. Floro;
grandchildren Sofia Kathryn Rhode and Jack Patrick Rhode;
brothers Ricardo and Imelda Floro; Atty. Jose Antonio and Lourdes V. Floro;
sisters Rosario and Antonio Galang; Carmelita and Alberto Garcia*

request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

*His remains lie in state at Capilla dela Virgen,
Santuário de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City.*

*Funeral Mass and final rites will be held
on October 1, 2004, Friday; 9:30 AM at the Main Church.*

In lieu of flowers, please give donations to Tuloy Foundation, Inc.

*In Loving Memory
on the First Death Anniversary of
FÉ TORRENTE YOINGCO
"MOM"*

*who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on September 30, 2003.*

*Her husband ANGEL Q. YOINGCO:
children, grandchildren, brother and other relatives
shall offer Holy Masses at the following churches
on September 30, 2004*

Ina ng Laging Saklolo, Tagaytay City	6:30 AM
De La Salle, Dasmarinas, Cavite	12:15 PM
Daughters of Charity, Tagaytay City	6:30 PM
St. John Don Bosco Parish, Mandaluyong City	6:30 AM,
Sto. Domingo Church, Quezon City	6:00 PM
National Shrine of our Lady of Lourdes, Q.C.	8:00 AM;
Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Fairview, Q.C.	6:00 PM
San Lorenzo Parish Church, Pleasant Hill, SJDM, Bulacan	6:00 AM
Sta. Ralaela Maria (House of Spirituality) Gloria H. T. Sora	6:00 AM

"A rare and great light has gone out, but one that has all others shine brighter."

Atty. Dolores Peralta Acuña

*Former Board Member of Pangasinan - 1956-1964
Founder*

*Rural Bank of Malasiqui, Inc.
Rural Bank of Bautista, Inc.
Kaunlaran Rural Bank, Inc.*

*Peacefully joined our Lord and her husband Atty. Jose Al Acuña and son Gil
at the age of 82 last September 25, 2004.*

*Her bereaved children: Gil (deceased) & Monet, Prescy & Pete Cruz,
Menchu & Bob Sacramento, Becky, Boy & Marites, Annabelle & Vincent
Pastoral, Eric & Rosalie. Her loving grandchildren Joselle, Joel, Josef,
Michelle, Reg, Dada & Erik, Richie, Jasmine, King, Jeffrey, Ana, Karmina,
Vanessa, J-5, Rica, Gary, Alvin, Harold, Avigail, Bernadette, Monica,
Junior, Jiro, Erica, request prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.*

*Her remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon
City.*

*Cremation will be on Saturday, October 2, 2004, immediately after the
7:00 a.m. Mass at the Paz Crematory.*

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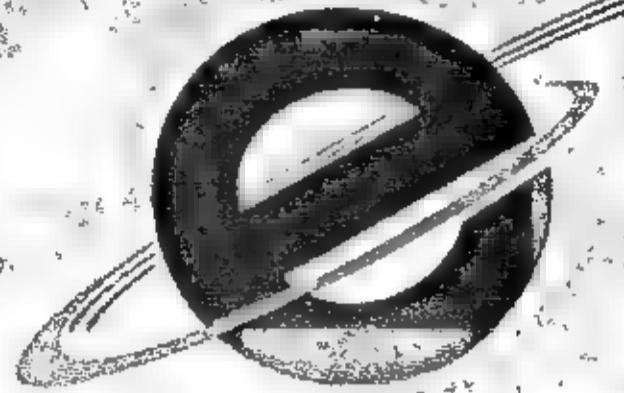
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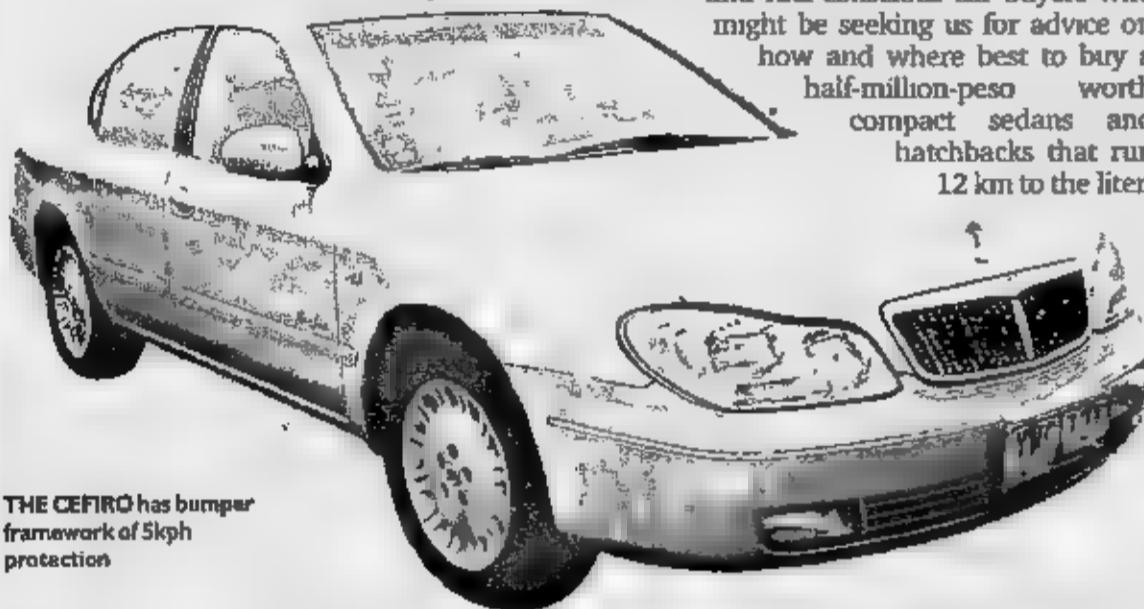
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3-liter, 'sumos' go head-to-head-to-head

Text by Tessa R. Salazar
Photos by Alex P. Loinaz

RIGHT off the bat, we wish to apologize for our seeming insensitivity to the "fuel-mis-

ers." Why so? The next paragraphs will talk about big engines, seven-figure price tags, and overly luxurious amenities. These certainly wouldn't sit well with the budget- and fuel-conscious car buyers who might be seeking us for advice on how and where best to buy a half-million-peso worth compact sedans and hatchbacks that run 12 km to the liter.



THE CEFIRO has bumper framework of Skph protection

Vehicle show ends Sunday

THE 2004 CALTEX Delo Sport Truck & Custom Car Show yesterday opened with much fanfare to the motoring public.

Presented by Caltex Delo Sport, the show is ongoing until Sunday at the Megatrade Hall of SM Megamall B, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City. It is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Apart from the multitude of crowd-drawing show cars on display, the spotlight will also be on Delo Sports Synthetic Blend. It is a synthetic-based engine oil designed for gasoline- or diesel-powered SUVs, 4x4s and pickups of American, European or Japanese make, especially those with turbochargers, superchargers, intercoolers and EGR systems.

Said Caltex product category manager Jean-Ernest Maningo: "We believe that the Caltex Delo Sport Truck, Custom Car and Bike Show 2004 is one of the best events where we can showcase our product to the motoring public."

Organized by TradeShow International Inc., the 2004 Caltex Delo Sport Truck & Custom Car Show has become the "in" venue for sport truck, custom car, automotive racing and now, motor bike enthusiasts bringing together under one

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But, you know, sometimes we have to go against the grain, jump off the bandwagon and counter the flow. Just to do things differently. And, believe it or not, big engines still do command a large market in this country regardless of the direction fuel prices are going.

And what's more, today's big engines know how to maximize fuel on their own, thanks to technology. Compared to the 3-liter V6s and V8s three decades ago, the present EFI (electronic fuel injection) technology, for instance,

enables these engines to generate the same power using less fuel. So, even if you compare a 3-liter EFI with a carbureted non-EFI 2-liter, the two might end up consuming the same volume of fuel.

Also take into consideration the power-to-weight ratios. Big engines on big SUVs consume a lot of fuel. But transplant the same engine to lighter sedan bodies, and you get the power of an SUV for less energy spent. Still, automotive experts stress that big engines are still big engines. When they run on idle, 3-liter engines consume more fuel than smaller engine displacements. That's bad news if you're on a 3-liter car and you're always stuck in traffic.

3 big sedans

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WITH HIGH hopes, President Arroyo joins (from left) TAP and TMP chair George SK Ty, Toyota Motor Corp. (Japan) honorary chair Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda and Mayor Leon Arcillas of Sta. Rosa, Laguna, in witnessing the first batches of locally made transmissions shipped to Japan.

Japan starts importing RP-made transmissions

By Charles E. Buban

THE PHILIPPINES, taking a step closer to becoming a major player in the global market, has started exporting transmission assemblies to Japan last week.

This was realized when Toyota Autoparts Corp. (TAP), the Japanese automaker's autoparts production unit in the Philippines, surpassed the requirements and quality standards set by Toyota Japan for transmission assemblies that it will utilize for its global supply network.

"The TAP-made transmissions now possess the same level of performance in terms of quality and cost as Japanese-made units," said Toyota Motor Corp. honorary chair Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda who flew in from Japan to witness the ceremony held at the Toyota complex in Santa Rosa, Laguna.

Toyota expects TAP to continue developing as an important production and export base of automotive transmissions for the world's second largest automaker.

"For starters, Toyota has just assigned TAP the role of a production base for the company's global market," he added.

Plant modernization

Since 1992, TAP has produced 1.9 million transmission units, the bulk of which were exported to Taiwan, India, South Africa and the

members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) such as Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.

In 2002, TMC invested close to \$266 million (P15 billion) in modernizing the Laguna manufacturing plant and starting the production of new transmission models.

These new transmissions—including the "G" type main transmissions—are now a major export component of the Toyota global supply network.

As of March 2004, export of Toyota transmissions to these countries reached \$55 million.

\$380 million in 2004

"With the inclusion of Japan among the list, we foresee exports reaching \$380 million (P22.4 billion) in 2004," revealed TAP and Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. chair George S.K. Ty.

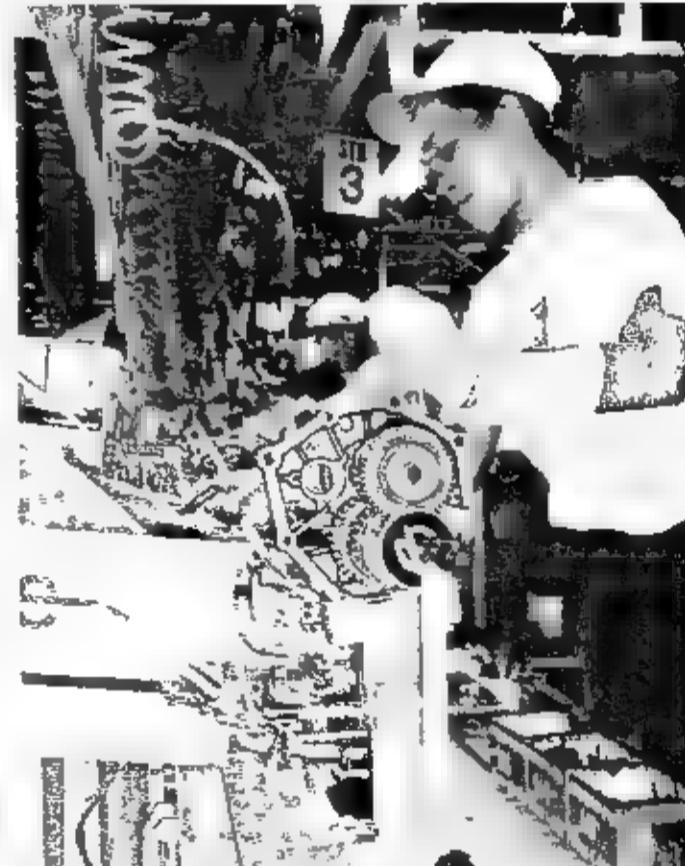
"This event marked a milestone in Toyota's operation here in the Philippines as it was the first time that an automaker set the stage for its export to Japan of locally made transmission units," Ty revealed.

Toyota expects this figure to grow to nearly \$400 million (P22.5 billion) in 2005 and \$428 million (P24.1 billion) in 2006.

"Toyota is determined to help the Philippine auto industry grow, and to contribute to the Philippine economy in the years to come," assured Toyoda.

Investing \$124M more

President Macapagal-Arroyo who was also present during the ceremony hailed TAP's



TAP HAS equipped its Filipino workforce with the skill to compete in the global stage.

plan to infuse P7 billion more into the Philippines in the next two years.

President Arroyo was informed that the additional investment will be for capacity upgrades and plant expansion from 2004 to 2006.

The President also thanked Toyota for showing its support to the country's growing local supplier base, which is in line with the government's thrust of promoting small and medium enterprises.

Apart from employing more than 10,000 Filipino skilled workers, a number of SMEs are, directly or indirectly, benefiting from Toyota operations here in the country.

Commitment to local industry

"Through technology transfer, we support the growth of the local enterprises that comprise the majority of our supplier base," said Ty.

In addition, to the transmission assemblies now being exported to Japan, TAP has already been producing 900,000 units of constant-velocity joints (CVJs), with the large portion of them being exported to six countries, including Japan.

Said Ty: "One primary task that we have set up for ourselves is to enhance Toyota's contribution to the Philippine economy by expanding exports from the Philippines. The addition of the transmission assemblies among those that we export to Japan is just the fulfillment of this aim."

3-liter 'sumos' go head-to-head-to-head

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Roller coaster

The Accord's TCS was consistent. When we turned it off, the car understeered, as expected. We turned it on again, and the Accord adjusted accordingly (pardon the pun).

On TCS, the Accord followed the route faithfully like a roller coaster stuck to its rails. Add to that was the smoother shift of the five-speed transmission, featuring better choices in the gearing ratio because the rpm now drops in a better torque range.

And on a private track (read, not a public place) we drove the Accord in third gear at 280 kph, loaded with four people. This is a mean roller coaster.

Like a jet

Despite the fact that there were four of us inside, we felt comfortable, the engine sounded like an F16 on a high-pitched whine for takeoff with nary a hint of vibration. Compared to the previous 2 and 2.4-liter Accords, the 3-liter Accord presented a greatly improved ride.

If you think the Accord's transmis-

sion is already superb, wait till you drive the Camry. From the sound of the engine, to the pull, you won't really feel the Camry shift its power unless you look at the tachometer. Just for that, the Camry ride is solid.

The longer the wheelbase, the more comfortable the ride should be. And since the Cefiro has the

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longest wheelbase among the three, we expected it to give us the ultimate in ride comfort.

As Nissan engineers pointed out from the onset, the Cefiro was given a long wheelbase—as long or nearly as long as the Li class vehicles (like the Mercedes S Class). This assured a more stable and comfortable ride, especially at high speeds.

Insofar as performance is concerned, the Cefiro engine had no problems marching up with Camry and Accord. But we had just one reservation, and it lay under the body: the multilink beam (MLB) system. Does it match the independent suspension of its competitors? Nissan engineers insist that MLB is one of the best suspension systems for front-wheel-drive cars. They stress the MLB keeps the rear wheels well planted on the ground during hard cornering, and even at straight-line acceleration.

Whatever MLB's merits may do for the Cefiro, we still think the Cefiro ride is truly made more comfortable mainly because of its longer wheelbase.

Considering all that, the Nissan Cefiro engine holds its own because of its V6 quad cam configuration (4-camshafts, two per bank). And since the Cefiro body is low slung and more aerodynamic, it cuts through the wind better.

High clearance

Toyota thinks the other way around in this aspect. Notice that Toyota cars are unusually high, and the new Camry is no exception. Toyota engineers think their cars ought to be high because of the quality of the roads in the Philippines.

However, some fears are also raised. If you raise the vehicle's height and encounter speed bumps and particularly nasty potholes, you might be pushing the limits of the cylinder, which is not good.

Toyota engineers have given the assurance, however, that their shock absorbers, regardless of the car's height, are self-adjusting. Toyota engineer Aden Rufu said that if you stretch the shock absorber to the limit, it would still function the same way as when you compress it. As long as there's space to move, the shock absorber should not be affected by the car's height.

Power-assisted sunshade

Take note of the Camry's power-assisted sunshade for the ultimate lazy passenger. Push the button and the sunshade goes up or down. The Camry a/c system is fantastic with Fujitsu Ten 2 DIN/In-dash 6-CD changer/MP3 player. In-dash means you don't need to go all the way back to the trunk to change CDs. The same goes with the Accord's 6 CD in-dash stereo. The Camry's tri-color optron in the speedometer is eye-candy.

In the Cefiro, however, you do have to open your trunk to load your CDs. But it's worth the effort, with seven speakers (6+ subwoofer) and the 12-disc magazine.

Verdict

Birds of the same feather still flock together, but with some subtle differences that can spell big in the long run. The Camry spells luxury and comfort—the feeling of floating like butterflies at high speeds.

The Accord takes on curves and circuitous routes like an expert Wushu martial artist—fluid, dexterous, and assured, or imagine Venus Williams in stunning evening wear, but still wearing sneakers. The Cefiro crouches low and cuts the wind better than a hot knife through butter. The image is there for you to choose.

It comes at a price, though (Camry goes for P1.680 million, Accord for P1.6 million and Cefiro, P1.45 million). But who cares if you're up against the flow?

Vehicle show ends Sunday

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roof, the most wildly modified sport trucks, SUVs, pickups, racing cars and exotic bikes in the country. This year, more than 70 well-prepared sport trucks, SUVs, custom cars and motorbikes will be on hand to compete for class honors and ultimately, for the much-covered "Best of Show" award.

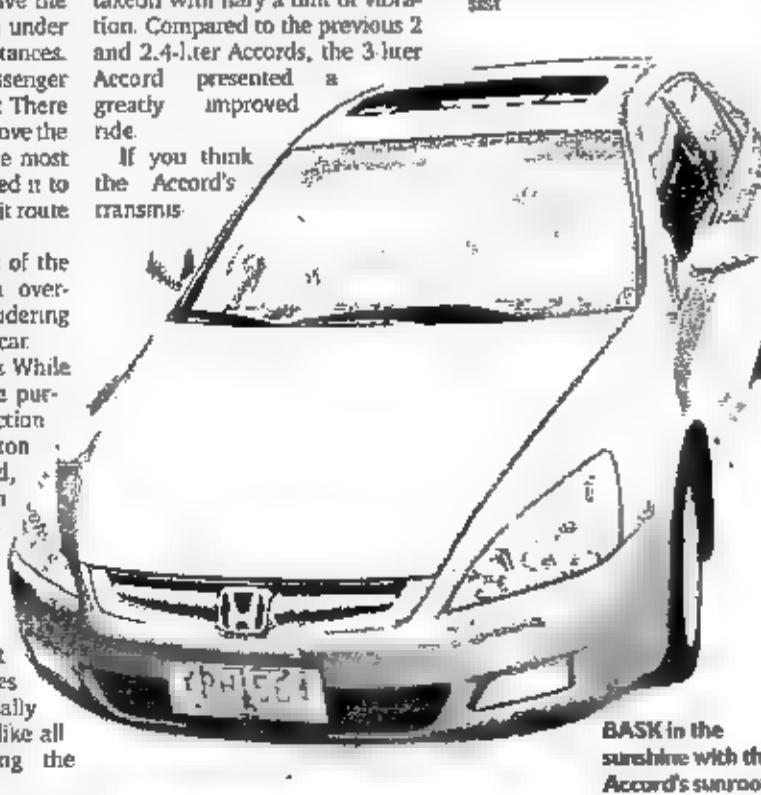
The open class competition for motorcycles will have as entries the 2004 Ducati 999R, 2001 Ducati Monster 900, 2002 Ducati 998S Bostrom, 2002 Suzuki GSX 1300R Hayabusa, 1977 Colin Lane Racer Bike and a 1979 Bob Jackson Tandem Bike.

On display are mountain bikes, touring bikes, velodrome bikes and triathlon bikes from Trek, Cannondale, Schwinn, Co. Nago, Seven and Coruma. The Manila Sport Car Club also is displaying a special bicycle donated by BMW, which was used by the security marshals during the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. The bike can be folded for easy storage and has many features that are innovative even today.

Another much-awaited event highlight is the search for Ms Sport Truck Show, Ms Custom Car Show and for the first time, Ms Bike Show. The search is open to all promotional girls employed by the different corporate exhibitors for the event.

The show is presented by Cadex Delo with Ambi Pur as gold sponsors and Top Gear magazine as major sponsor.

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BASK in the sunshine with the Accord's sunroof.

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Hybrid cars, hopefully

DO you want a car that averages 25.4 km per liter of gasoline in city driving? Then hope, wish and pray that Toyota will bring to our shores the Prius, the hybrid car that combines a gasoline engine with an electric motor to get twice the fuel mileage of a conventional car but produces less emissions. With the price of oil rising to record levels, sales of the "clean and green" Prius surged by 153 percent in the United States in the first half of 2004 and by a whopping 874 percent in Europe. In America, the Prius is so much in demand that there is a six-month waiting period and price-gouging by dealers—as much as US\$5,000 over the sticker price—has become rampant.

There is one Prius in the Philippines, but it is an old model that was donated to President Macapagal-Arroyo by Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. In 2002 and is sometimes used by the secretary of energy for the government's fuel conservation campaign. Puny, underpowered, overpriced and unattractive, the first generation Prius did not sell.

Instant hit

But late last year, Toyota unveiled the totally redesigned, snazzier, roomier, more fuel-efficient and 50 percent more powerful second generation Prius. It was an instant hit and is now a status symbol. Voted Car of the Year by Motor Trend, the 2004 Prius is loaded with creature comforts and gadgets, including a superb audio system and a dazzling instrument panel that shows real-time gas mileage and when the car is running on gas or electricity or recharging its battery.

Already, auto industry analysts are predicting that because of the 2004 Prius, within five years every car model made will have a hybrid version. Toyota, the acknowledged leader, will introduce a hybrid Highlander SUV next year while its luxury affiliate, Lexus, is scheduling a hybrid RX 400h SUV (the Highlander is actually an econo version of the Lexus RX330.) By 2006, a hybrid Camry will be available in the United States.

The first US car manufacturer to jump on the hybrid bandwagon was Ford, which launched a hybrid version of the Escape, its compact SUV, this month using Toyota's hybrid technology under license. Before the launch, Ford estimated that its front-wheel-drive 4-cyl Escape hybrid would get 14-17 km per liter in city driving compared with 8.4 km per liter in a 2005 V6 Escape. By 2007, Ford will be producing three hybrid vehicles.

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Hybrid plans
With its hybrid Civic and In-



Those key gasoline-electric hybrid components, however, are not produced in the United States, thus Toyota has to manufacture the Prius in Japan for the US market. Toyota has increased the Prius' production volume from 10,000 to 15,000 vehicles a month to meet the strong demand in the United States.

In 2003, Toyota sold 53,000 hybrid vehicles, less than one percent of its global sales of 6.07 million vehicles. But that was before the all-new Prius came out. Although J.D. Power & Associates, the consulting firm, forecasts hybrid growth at just 3 percent of the US market for the near future, Toyota aims to produce 300,000 hybrid vehicles a year by mid-decade.

And not for the North American and European markets only, we hope. Last week, Toyota signed a deal with its partner, China FAW Group Corp., for the knock-down assembly and sale of Prius cars in China. Per-



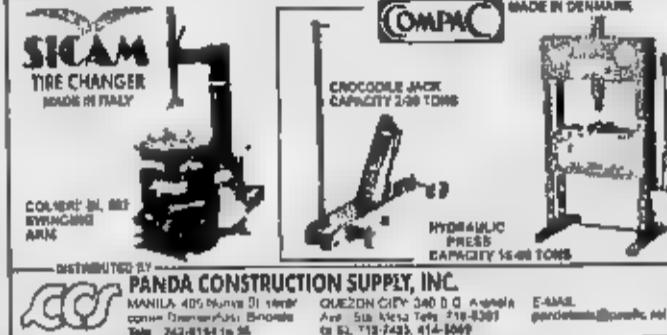
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kph, should I give way to a much faster vehicle knowing that I am traveling at the correct legal speed?

"If I refuse, what action can I take if the vehicle behind me keeps on tailgating and putting me and my passengers in danger?"

Good point there, Roger.

To your first question, I suggest that you give way, even if you are traveling at the correct legal speed. We call that courtesy to others, even if the recipient of your good heart isn't a law-abiding citizen. In fact, that makes you a better person than him. And, yes, he'll overtake you anyway as he will do it from the right lane—which could pose more danger to both of you than when you choose to give way.

As to the second question, the action you can take is stop and report the matter to a patrol car. However, by the time you flag down a patrol car, the culprit might have sped away beyond reach.

So, we go back to the first option. Better to give way and make yourself assured, more or less, of a trouble-free ride home. Rabble-rousers abound in this world. And, yes, as always, it is better to give than to receive.

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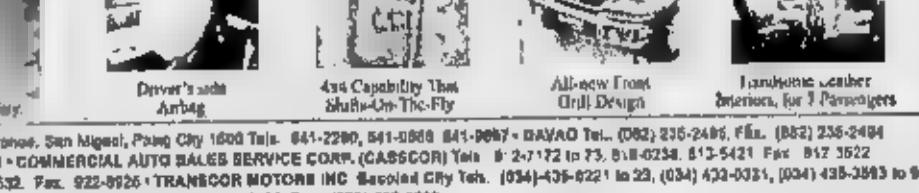
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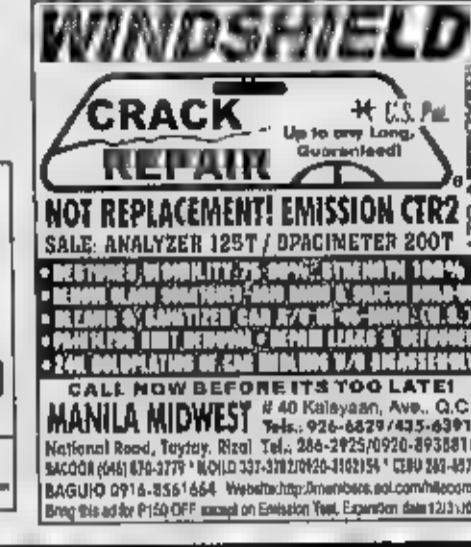
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Those overloaded vehicles at NLEX; new Trooper

I CANNOT stop admiring Isuzu. Why, because for one, it does not stop producing a Trooper after Trooper, each model coming up with features of tremendous quality. From the day it unveiled its first Trooper, IPC had gotten many SUV enthusiasts smitten by it almost in an instant. Just recently, it unfurled its latest Trooper. It came after launching its highly successful "Isuzu Truck Attack" in August.

Said Yoshifumi Komura, just recently installed president of the Isuzu Philippines Corp., during the Trooper launch: "I can't believe that it has been five months since I arrived here to take over the helm of IPC. As we launch tonight the 2005 Trooper, we take the occasion to express our gratitude to all of Isuzu's supporters through the years. Without you, we would not have achieved our lofty standing in the industry right now."

I have always been a fan of Isuzu, simply because it is the best diesel-powered vehicle not only in the country but

also in the world.

According to Myrna & Tim, and even Art and Ronald, "Just one look at the 2005 Isuzu Trooper and it will instantly convince you that it's the ultimate sportster in the market. It is even sportier, without sacrificing its classic elegance."

Its features have been augmented with designs that have become very masculine, like the chrome-accented radiator grille and a front bumper chin spoiler.

The new Trooper is equipped with a new entertainment package—a JVC DVD head unit that guarantees hours of pleasure on the road. This unit features a variable-color graphic display with an MP3 for a more enjoyable listening and viewing experience.

The 2005 Isuzu Trooper 4x2, powered by the award-winning 3.0-liter, 16-valve, DOHC turbocharged 4JX1-TC engine mated to a 4-speed automatic transmission, is priced at P1,995,000. It is now available at all Isuzu dealerships nation-

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Al Mendoza

wide, in five colors—alpine white, satin ebony black.

I have several friends who, up to now, still doze with praise for their Troopers.

I wouldn't be surprised if one of them, if not all of them, would suddenly decide to upgrade their current Troopers and buy the latest.

One way to beat the doctor is not being overweight. Many of my friends play golf or go to the gym regularly to trim "needless fat."

But then, is there a cure for an "overweight (overloaded) truck?"

I ask that in lieu of many overloaded

trucks using the North Luzon Expressway every now and then, I know. I've been going back to my home province of Pangasinan regularly the past months and what bothers me is the wanton use of the NLEX by overloaded trucks. What I see very often are trucks used for quarrying. Most of the time, they form a line so long it is almost impossible for you to overtake all of them. They are usually overflowing with either sand and gravel material, or rocks.

Statistics show that an average of nine accidents in a day in the NLEX is due to overloaded trucks and trailers. Terrible.

But here's good news. The days of overloaded trucks at NLEX are over. The anti-overloading law is now being enforced with resolve.

Equipped with high-tech weigh scales from the Manila North Tollways Corp., the PNCC is now using them in spotting overloaded vehicles using the

vastly improved NLEX.

Guesswork is eliminated, thanks to the new portable weigh scales. The scales check the amount of load of each vehicle/truck with the aid of a monitor and a digital printout. If the load exceeds the 13,500 kg. maximum allowable gross vehicle weight (GVW) per axle, that's overloading. That's science at work!

Let's hope the PNCC will wage the anti-overloading drive without exception. The success of this campaign depends on PNCC's determination and consistency.

Here's a letter from Roger Ramos.

Dear Al,

"I read your column about giving way to a much faster vehicle trying to overtake a slow-moving vehicle sticking it out at the fast lane of the NLEX.

"We know there's a speed limit at NLEX, which is 100 kph. I am at the fast lane (left lane) traveling at 100

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NISSAN PATROL goes JDM, now seats seven

The NISSAN PATROL has pushed the bigger-is-better interior look for full-sized luxury sport utility vehicles (SUVs) further.

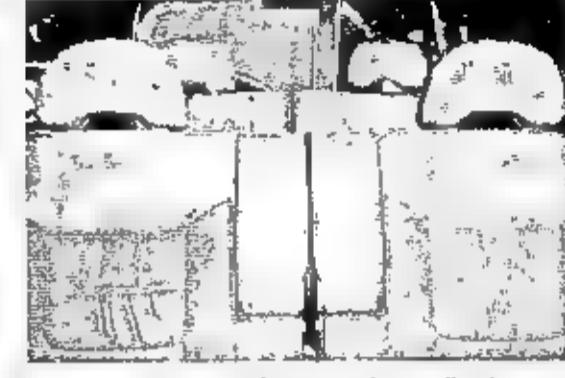
UNIVERSAL MOTORS CORPORATION, exclusive distributor of NISSAN light commercial vehicles (LCVs), announced recently that from September 1-30,

buyers of the NISSAN PATROL get a new set of third row seats FREE. These seats immediately convert forward occupancy of LMC's premium flagship product into a seven-seater SUV. This new seating configuration comes especially handy for the chief executive officer (CEO), upper manage-

ment person or a chairman of a company's board of trustees board that use the PATROL as a rolling home for his or her loved ones during long trips.

Movers and shakers in Philippine business will also appreciate these third row seats, which also can be used as additional seating for out-of-town jaunts or as placement for one's laptop and briefcase after a tiring day from work. The seats can also be turned into places for back occupancy (via folding of the original second row seats) for the tall and lithe bourgeoisie.

These third row seats are located in front of the rearmost doors and the spare tire platform area. Furthermore, those who prefer hauling cargo instead of passengers at the PATROL's rearmost area will enjoy the fact that the third row seats are collapsible to



swallow large paraphernalia.

These collapsible seats replace the laterally positioned third row seats and convey a true JDM (Japanese domestic market) feel within the PATROL's expansive interior. JDM SUV fanatics are known for their attention to detail, especially with the ergonomics and the interior of certain vehicles. With the PATROL, JDM SUV fans are sure to love the new seats, for in the Land of the Rising Sun the PATROL's third row seats face forward instead of sideways.

For additional convenience, the seats can be folded in a 60/40 manner to accommodate bulky cargo and can be outfitted to match the same seatcover wrapping—leather and moquette fabric—as the first and second row seats.

This offer is in addition to UMC's newest

financing scheme for the PATROL, FRONTIER, and URVAN ESCAPADE/URVAN SHUTTLE, which gives the buyer two options. For the PATROL, one can opt for a low downpayment of Php 368,000-Php 405,000. Or one may choose the second option of low monthly plans for the PATROL, all based on a 50% downpayment, with 60 months to pay for the remaining balance. Low monthly schemes go from Php 25,000.00 up to Php 27,23.00.

The NISSAN PATROL is UMC's premium product, appealing to the top-flight executive or company president who wants performance with panache, substance with style. The addition of new forward-facing third row seats gives the PATROL an interior that will surely help the big canons in the Phil. corporate setting at work and at play.

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KINILAW na Lucot

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WHEN Marina's new outlet was recently launched at Glorieta 4, Ayala Center, Makati, Lyn Besa Gamboa and Enting Lacion Lobaton introduced a medley of flavors that are now part of the restaurant's authentic Ilonggo menu.

Gamboa created Ifuven with bibod sauce, crabmeat and shrimps, Adobadong Alimusan, Paco-Paco Salad with Bilong-Bilong dressing, Luntnik (squash dish w/ coconut milk and sili leaves), Apan-Apan with Tulapho (kangkong with bagoong and pork fat), Sisi Omelette, and Adobong Taba ng Pusit.

Lobaton, on the other hand, made kinilaw dishes such as Lucot (seaweeds), Bulao (almond), Wasay-wasay (shrimps), Samonete, Tabagak (dried fish) and crabs.

"We live near bodies of water, so we should know how to use the bounty of the sea," says Gamboa who resides in Silay City, Negros Occidental.

Being a major port in the Visayas, Iloilo is a transit point for goods like seafoods to and from other points in the country. This has opened Ilonggo cuisine to varied influences: Chinese in the noodles, Spanish in the biscuits, andogenous ways with food from surrounding provinces.

"It has enriched the cooking, but at the same time, the cuisine that has emerged has become the Ilonggo's own invention," says Gamboa.

As one who loves to entertain friends and relatives in Negros, Gamboa says that, "cooking is second nature to me. When I want to invent something, I can already taste it in my mouth."

Gamboa has her own gourmet food company named Savoir de Silay, which offers Jalea de Tomato, Mermelada de Cebolla, Salsa Man-

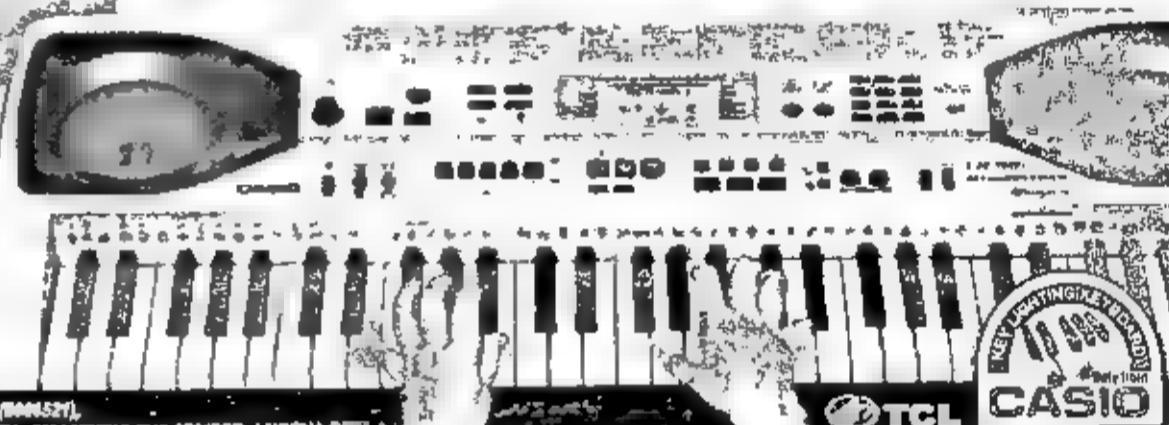
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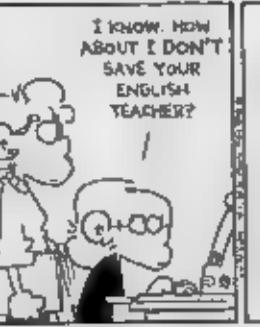
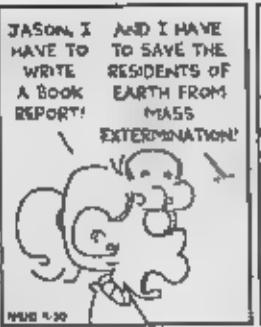
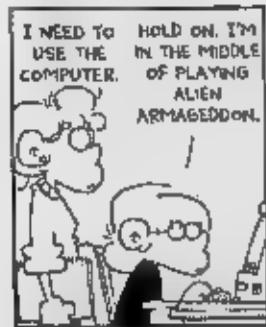


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YOU BORN TODAY: You're both knowledgeable and curious. (You don't miss a thing.) You're an excellent researcher and a charming conversationalist. Many of you are self-taught (you certainly learn by experience.) You believe in exposing the truth. Major phases of your life will wrap up this year to make way for new avenues. Birthdate of: Truman Capote, novelist; Jenna Elfman, actress; Fran Drescher, actress.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Don't forget to work hard to solidify your home base. It's important for you to establish an anchor in the world. You need to have a warm feeling in your tummy about where you live.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Continue to think seriously about what you want to do to earn your money. The bottom line of what you're dealing with now is establishing a values system you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to Aug 22): Because you're dismantling much of what you've created since the early '90s, you have to let go of things now. Your first loss is your cheapest loss. (Remember this.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): It's important to expand your life to include the welfare of others now. See where you fit into something bigger than yourself. Expand your effectiveness in the world!

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): This is a very powerful time in your life. You see clearly what is working. You see clearly what is not. Now you need the courage to decide what to let go of and what to keep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Travel and increased education or training can help you make your mark in the next few years. Do your best now. Your best this year will bring home the trophies in 2005-06.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): If help from others was diminished lately, fear not—this will change next year. At that time, partners and other sources will once again bring goodies to your table.

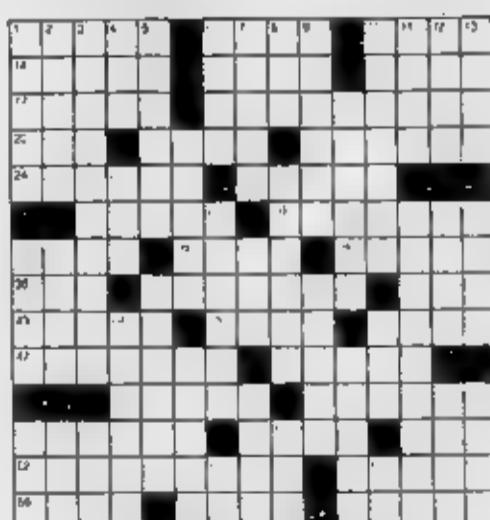
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Many of you are renegotiating partnerships now. Some of you are leaving joint ventures. (You need to figure out just how much freedom you need.)

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): It's been overwhelming at work or looking for a job. Either way, your employment scene is your greatest challenge now.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Increased responsibilities with children will teach you a lot now. You're trying to find your true path in life for now and in the future.

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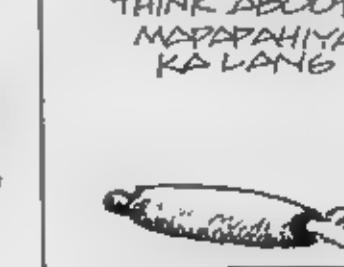
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October 03, Sun. A CLASS FULL OF BROWNIES. Let's get ready for Christmas! For the novice baker, dessert lover and cake owners, here's the class for you. Chef Junjun will show and teach you a variety of brownies namely: Traditional, Cofees Blond, Manda White Chocolate, Chocochip Blondies and Strawberry Blondies. All ingredients are included for P1,200.00 from 9:00 - 12:00 noon.

October 04, Mon. FAVORITE COOKIES AND BARS 2. Chef Junjun demonstrates definitely scrumptious Christmas baked sweets for your Holiday Season giveaways such as: Cuban Doodles, Toffee Caramel Bars, Double Chocolate Squares, Macadamia White Chocolate Cookies, Peanut Butter Cookies and Mango Cream Cheese Cookies. Recipes include all ingredients for P1,200.00 from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

October 05, Wed. CHRISTMAS CAKES AND DESSERTS. Dessert red baked creations for the special season of giving and receiving that Chef Junjun will be making for all of you. The recipes are Sticky Toffee Pudding, Engano Bakes, Bisco Meringue Surprise, Decadent almond Cakes, Cafe Sponge Elegance and Mango Butter Cake for P1,200.00 with all the ingredients from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

October 12, Tues. FAVORITE COOKIES AND BARS 3. New and different baked creations to give your family and friends. You'll surely enjoy this class with Chef Junjun making: Chewy Choc-Chip Cookies, Cherry Chocolate Swirlies, Gingernuts, Choco-Hazelnut Caramel Squares, Orange Almond Biscotti and Dark Chocolat Cookies or P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

October 14, Thurs. BREADS. Bread recipes from our Pastry and Cafe Decorator Chef, Chef Ana Babiloy, recipes include: Empanada, Pan de Sal, Banana Loaf, French Bread Roll, Cheese Cupcake and Pan de Jengen from 10:00 - 3:00 p.m. including all ingredients for P1,200.00.

October 25, Thurs. DESSERTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS. Christmas recipes that can be used as a gift and give-away to our family and friends. The recipes are: Strawberry Shortcake, Key Lime Cheesecake, Chocolate Fudge Cake, Apple Pie, Chocolate Fudge layered Surpresa Cake and Meringue with Frost Filled for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

COOKING CLASSES

October 01, Fri. - COOKING WITH BAGONG. Biscoongang Baby, Sambal Pork and Gata. Bagoong are just some of the recipes that Chef David Fajardo will be teaching us in this multi-class. Recipes include all ingredients from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. for P1,200.00. NEW CLASS.

October 02, Sat. MIDDLE EASTERN COOKING. Dishes al Tazak (Tomato Sauce with Baharat Mix), Ruz Buktari (Saffron Rice), Fattoush (Roasted Bread Salad), Barmy al Lahi (Lamb with Tomato), Samai, Marshi (Fried Stuffed Fish) are the recipes from Chef David Fajardo that he will be sharing us in this Middle Eastern Cooking experience. Recipes include all ingredients from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. for P1,200.00. NEW CLASS.

October 05, Tues. THE CRAB IS KING 1. Dishes from Chef Gene that are all-time restaurant favorites and can be prepared this holiday season includes: Thai-Long Crab, Crab Cakes, Stuffed Crab Beque, Fried Stuffed Spicy Crab and Quahog with Crabcake. P1,000.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

October 07, Thurs. PASTA IN A FLASH. Let Chef Gino teach you 8 quick, easy and delightful pasta recipes in one short period. Recipes include: Pasta Friuli, Linguine in Vongole Sauce, Chorizo, Mushrooms and Roasted Red Bell Pepper Sauce, Chicken and Shrimp Linton Creme Sauce, Pasta Bucatini alla Carbonara, Pasta Salad with Honey Oil Dressing and Guso al Putanesca for P1,000.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

October 08, Fri. SUNDAY DISHES. Delicious hearty and family meals is what Chef Gene offers such as: Lechon Suiza, Pascacio con Mayonnaise, Callos, Roast Chicken with Apples and White Sausage Stuffing with Caramelized Onion Sauce, Baked Leeks with Gruyere and Soupe de Pois from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. including all ingredients.

October 09, Sat. SIMPLE JAPANESE MEAL 1. Chef Gene will teach us easy to prepare Japanese meal with recipes like: Wonton Soup, Ebi Tempura, Gyukyoku, Chahan Nabe, and Chawan Mushi. Recipes include all ingredients for P1,000.00 from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

October 11, Mon. PASTA IN A FLASH 2. Another 8 quick, easy and delightful pasta recipes in one short period. Recipes include: Fettuccine with Cambogia Sauce, Roasted Walnut Carpaccio Sauce, Truffle Scamorza Sauce, Sauced with Hazelnut Butter Sauce, Scallop and Shrimp Sauced Sauce, Chorizo and Chicken Tomato Cream, Macaroni Pizzella in Brie of Chicken and Shrimp Paste are recipes from Chef Gene. For P1,000.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

October 13, Wed. NOCHE BUENA FEAST. Chef Gino will teach you tasty and delicious holiday dishes served during Noche Buena and other special occasions. Recipes include: Lengua con Cebolla, Roast Beef Roast with Onion Gravy, Spanish Style Roast Turkey, Carnation and Prawns Thermidor for P1,500.00 from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. including all ingredients.

October 15, Fri. - DAVE'S SUNDAY CURRIES. Assorted curries with all the fixins for a grand meal from Chef David Fajardo will be demonstrated. The recipes are: Chicken Curry, Lamb Curry, Pot Curry, Fish Curry, Pork and Potato Curry. The recipes include all ingredients from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. for P1,200.00.

October 16 - 17, Sat. and Sun. - THE COFFEE CLASS 1 & 2. Learn from Chef Gene Gonzalez, the master of coffee and connoisseur to several coffee house systems, teach you about the basic of making proper and profitable cups of Americano, Espresso, Cappuccino, Lattes, etc. The class will touch on the basics of blending, machine and brewing on the first day. Day 2 will cover exciting and high profit cold coffee concoctions with creative toppings and syrups such as: Mocha Madness, Cafe S'mores, Cafe Tiramisu, Coffee Jello etc. The course is open to both restaurant operators and hobbyists. Recipes include all ingredients from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. for P1,000.00 for the 2 days.

October 18, Mon. ART OF FRIED AND APPETIZER, JAPANESE STYLE. Easy to follow recipe from Chef Rieko Aoki that you can serve to your friends and family. The recipes are: Tempura Ebi, Monjayaki, Tempura Kakiage, Agedashi Tofu, and Gyozza Yaki. Learn to make all the fixins including all ingredients from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

October 19, Tues. SIMPLE SUSHI & SASHIMI WORKSHOP 2. You will learn from Chef Rieko Aoki of Osaka, Japan How to Trim Fish. How to make: Agi Sashimi, Futo-maki, Rarorow, Nigiri, Ika, Sushi, Sea Chicken Sashimi, Tamago Yaki and Nigiri Sushi. Recipes include ingredients for P1,000.00 from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

October 20, Wed. HOLIDAY TURKEY TREAT. Impress your friends with a complete Turkey dinner for the coming Holiday season. Recipes include: 4 kinds of Stuffing, Gravy, Corn Bread, Split Pea Soup, Old Fashioned Fruit Salad and Glazed Sweet Potatoes with Campfire Crust. P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

October 21, Thurs. CHINESE DIMSUMS 2. Sequel to Chef Ana's famous class 1 another set of Chinese dimsums will be demonstrated to learn on. The recipes are: Sparghetti, Pork and Shrimp Won-ton, Shangai Fm. Scram. Bucra and Glutinous Rice with Chicken in Lotus for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 - 3:00 p.m.

October 22, Fri. DAVE'S ADBO CLASS. Adobo Bicol, Adobo sa Gata, Adobong Sisig sa Tapa ng Talongka are some of the recipes that Chef David Fajardo will be teaching. Recipes include all ingredients for P1,200.00 from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

October 25, Mon. THAI FAVORITES 2. The recipes from Thai Chef Charly Thalayut, Tom Kha Gai, Bagoong Rice, Roasted Duck Curry, Crispy Catfish with Green Mango Salad, Thai Noodle-bowl at P1,200.00 from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. Recipes include all ingredients.

October 26, Tues. - THAI KAKANIN. Authentic Thai delicacies will be demonstrated by Chef Charly Thalayut, the recipes are: Cheesy Paupao Splings, Rice Cracker with Sago, Cassava Cake, Tapioca and Thai Iced Tea for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

October 27, Wed. SPANISH TAPAS 2. Great Tapas to Serve al Parties from Belen Jardine of Gourmet's Palate the recipes are: Baked Mussels with Picoscallo and Mozzarella, Marinated Seafood in Seashell, Delicious Sardine Span Tapas, Salmon Pate with Melon, Tomato, Chilled Lemongrass, Cold Jumbo Shrimps in Porcini Spoon and Stuffed Grapes for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

October 29, Fri. COOKING WITH GATA. New recipes from Chef David Fajardo will be demonstrated to that can be served to our family and friends. The recipes are: Konro al Gata, Gatasang Hito, Chicken with Gata, Sisig al Gata al Gatasang Puso ng Saging. P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

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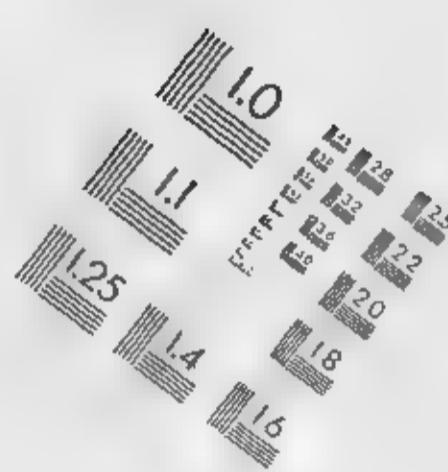
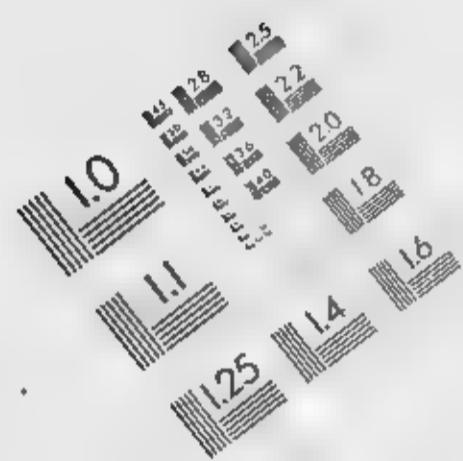
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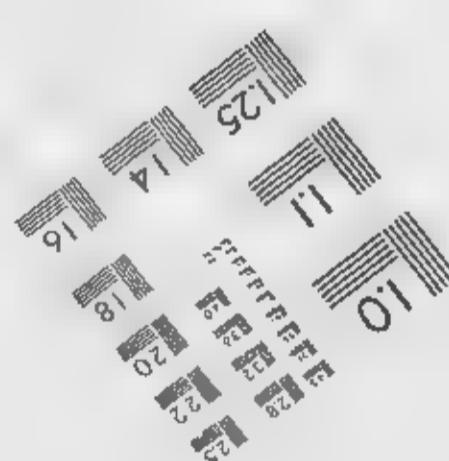
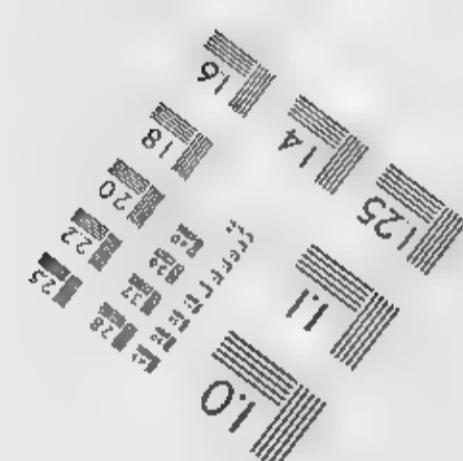
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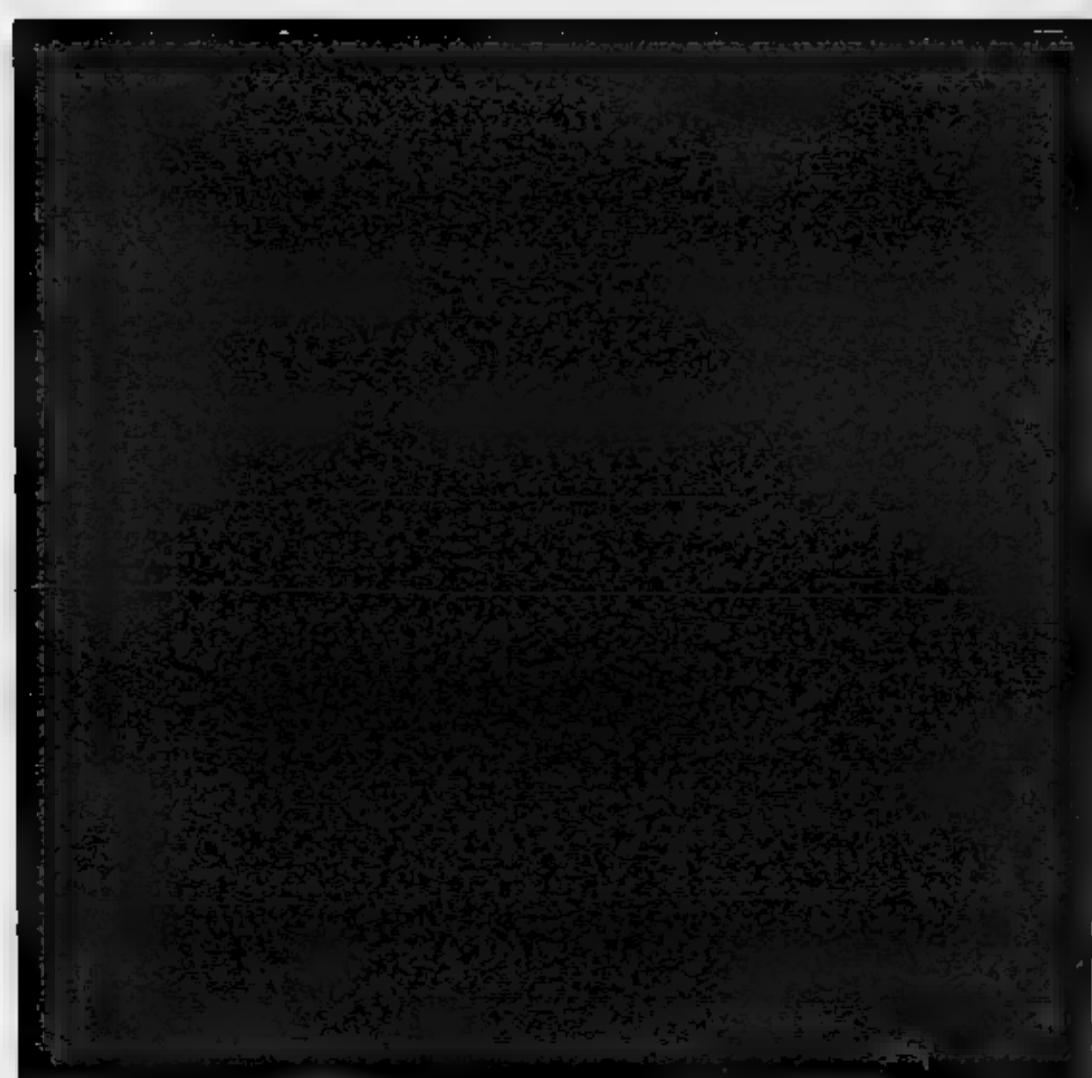


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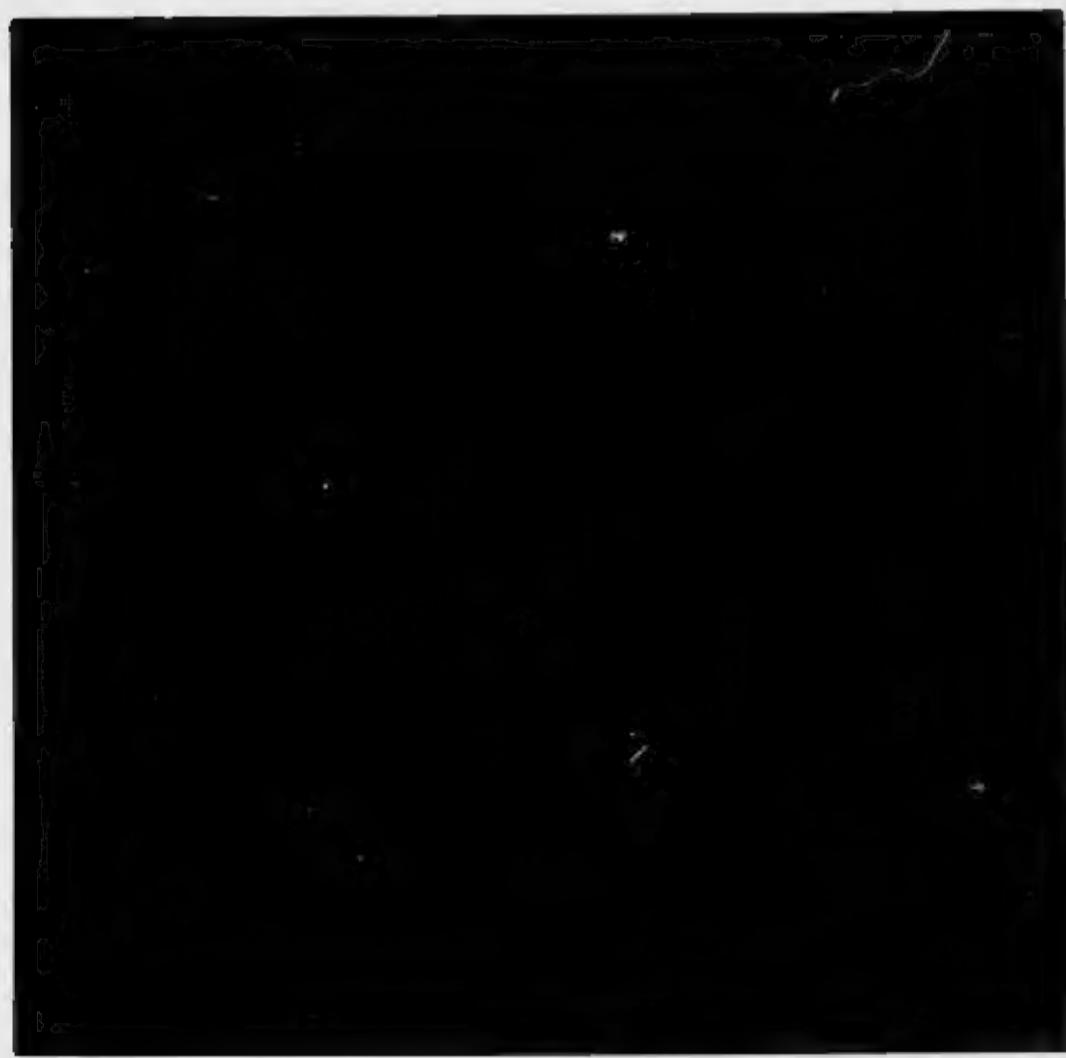
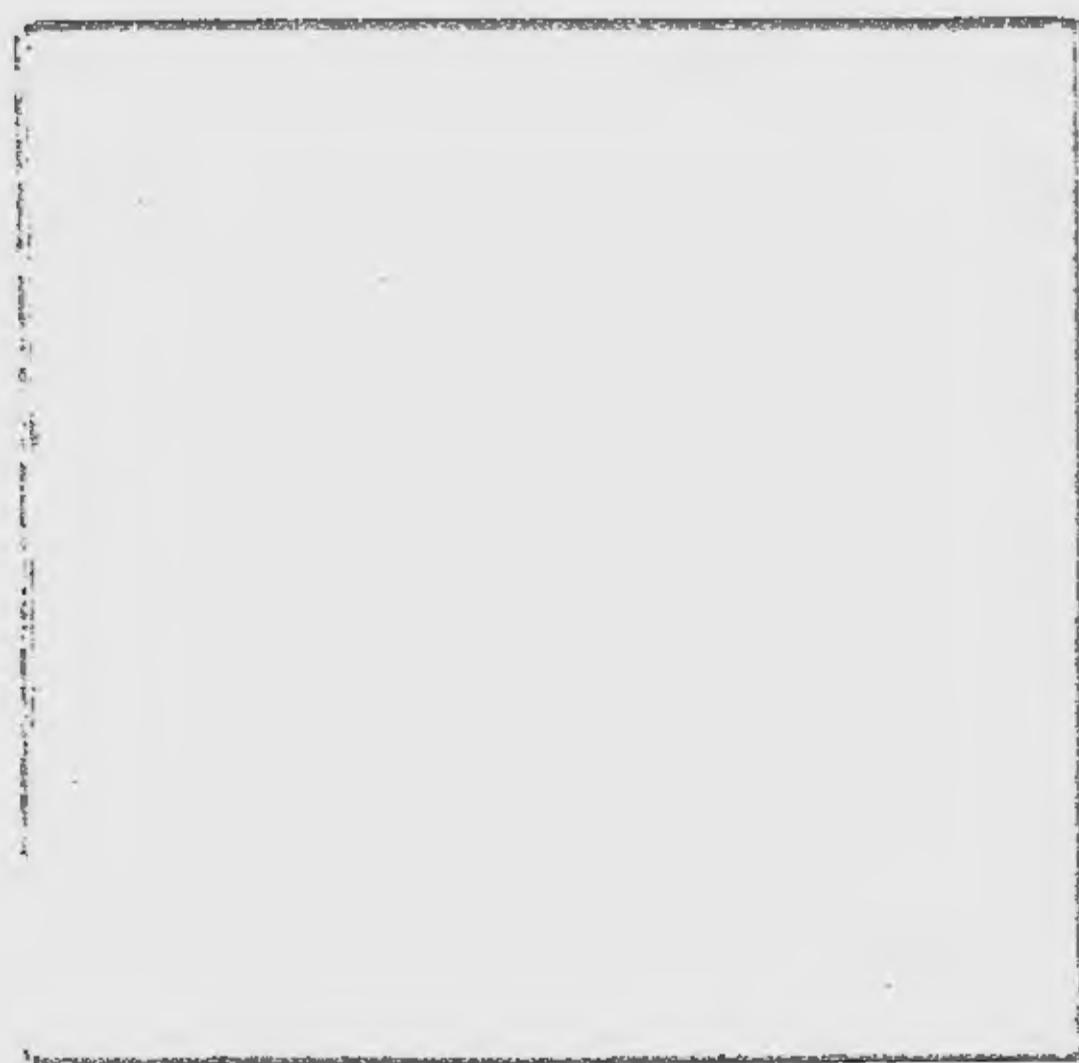
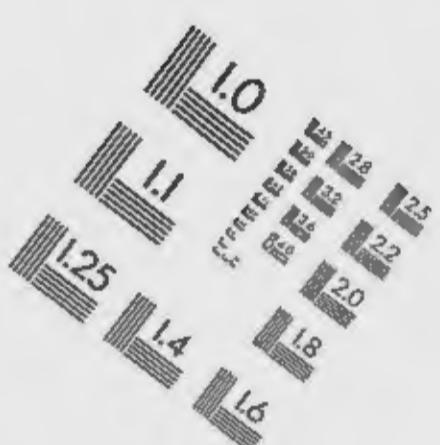
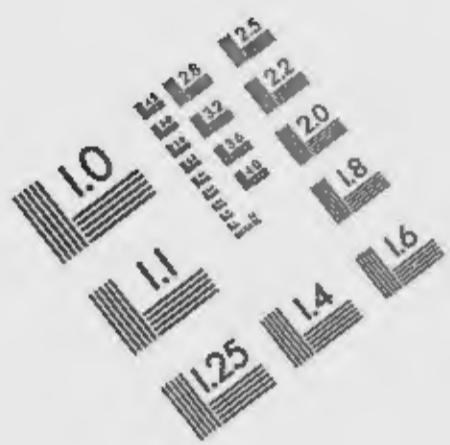
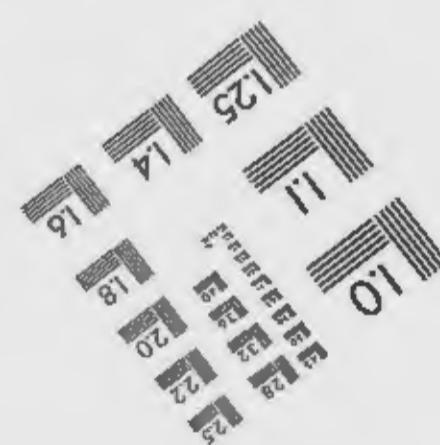
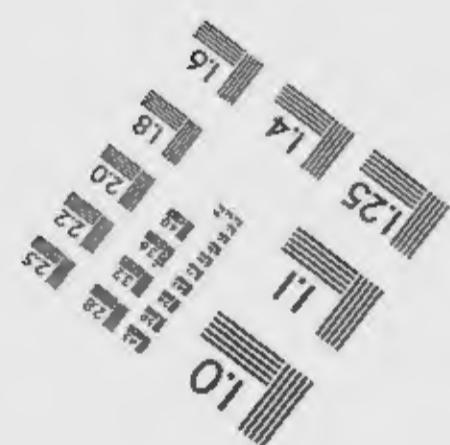


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